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Bursting bubbles

Tommy Spurgeon gets creative with some bubbles with the help of Big Brothers Big Sisters' Janice Balfour during the Haliburton Lions Club's Stories in the Park Fun Fair at Head Lake yesterday (Aug 26). *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Brighter election picture

By Mike Baker

There was a late flurry of political activity across the County last week, with the nomination deadline for October's municipal election Friday (Aug. 21).

After a low turnout in 2022, when 12 of 24 council positions in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills were filled by acclamation – meaning only one person registered for the seat – it's a much larger picture this time around.

There are 57 candidates, up from 41 in 2022. Most importantly, said Sean Pennylegion of the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project (HHHDP), there will only be one acclamation.

Karla MacKay will serve as the Ward 1 representative in Algonquin Highlands, replacing two-term councillor Julia Shortreed, who didn't seek re-election. There are contests for every other position, including five people vying for mayor in Highlands East, and four in Minden Hills. "To see this level of activity is incredible," said Pennylegion, who formed the HHHDP

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Casey switches focus to run for deputy mayor

By Mike Baker

After a late change to his nomination papers last week, Pat Casey will now contest Walt McKechnie for Dysart et al's deputy mayor position in October's municipal election.

Casey, the current acting deputy mayor, filed for mayor May 19. He was expected to challenge Greg Bishop and Andrew Nowell for the township's top seat. However, last Thursday (Aug. 20), he withdrew from the mayoral race. He immediately filed to oppose McKechnie, who submitted his papers for a second term as deputy May 15.

Asked about the switch on Monday (Aug. 24), Casey said it was made with Dysart's best interests in mind, although he didn't get into specifics.

"I'm working towards the mayoral position, but this would give me another term to get closer to it, learn more and get up to speed. I feel like it's kind of a graduated system," Casey said. "There wasn't so much a turning point, or a piece of information that made me go 'holy jumpings, I'd better switch horses here'. I was just progressively thinking things through and thought about the team we could have."

Casey said he had been contemplating a switch for weeks but solidified his decision Aug. 18. He said his first call was to McKechnie to give him a heads up.

While McKechnie, Dysart's acting mayor, said he wasn't counting his chickens over a second-straight acclamation, he admitted he was surprised and disappointed by Casey's late switch.

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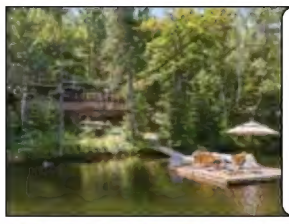

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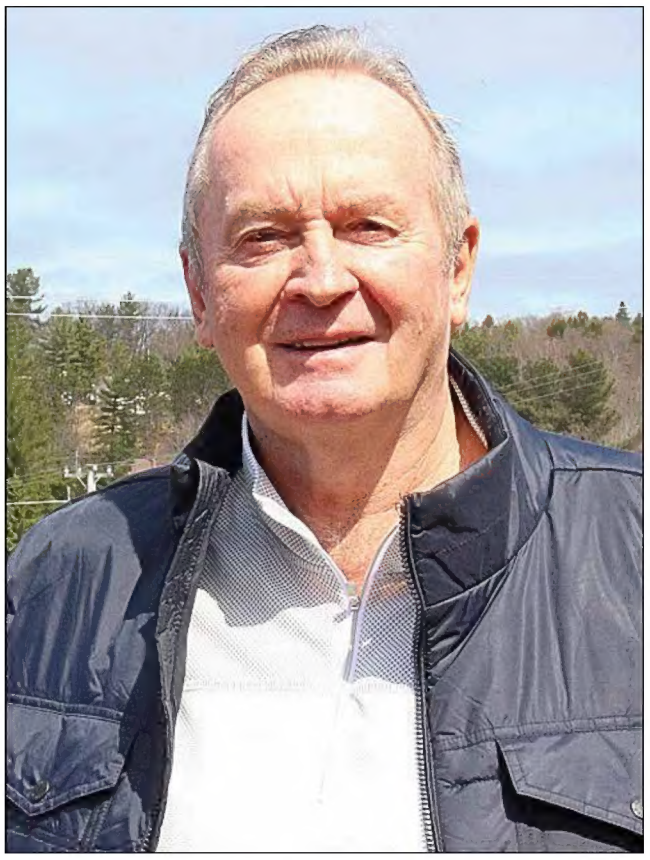

Walt McKechnie and Pat Casey will battle it out for Dysart et al deputy mayor in October's municipal election. *Files.*

McKechnie disappointed by decision

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The first-term official, initially elected as Ward 1 councillor in 2022, had until Aug. 21 to make changes to his nomination.

"We spent about an hour-and-a-half together the day before and he didn't mention anything, so I was definitely caught off-guard," McKechnie said.

"I never assumed I had a free ride. I was in a lot of hockey games leading going into the last minute and ended up losing, so I never wanted to think I was automatically in again," the former National Hockey League player said. "I've already been talking to people and am ready to hit the ground running with my campaign."

Casey said his decision had nothing to do with Bishop and Nowell, or trying to project how the mayoral vote would land.

"I didn't decide to do this because [I thought I was going to lose] – it would have been a good race between Greg and I. I think we're equally capable of filling the position… but I feel, for Dysart and myself, it's a better position for me to switch to deputy," Casey said.

Key issues

Wrapping his fourth term, McKechnie said he's proud of his service to the community, noting he wants one final run. If elected, the 2026-30 term will be his last.

After seeing the township make major progress with the sewage treatment plant expansion and future development of the 92-acre County Road 21 property, McKechnie wants to see those two projects through to completion.

"(They) are absolutely vital if this community is going to grow," McKechnie said. With his council experience, McKechnie felt he would be a good support for the future mayor.

Casey wants a seat at the table next term when County council has some major decisions to make – such as the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's affordability and governance review. It's being recommended the County's four lower-tiers amalgamate in some way, with a decision expected early in 2027.

Neither Casey nor McKechnie are convinced amalgamation is the answer, though.

Casey said it's too much, too fast. With such a big decision, he said they need to get it right as it cannot be reversed.

McKechnie is calling for some form of public vote or referendum before councils make a final decision. He said Haliburton County has a unique make-up and lacks industry. He thinks one-tier will lead to the loss of jobs, traditions and identity.

Advanced voting begins in Dysart Oct. 10, with voting day Oct. 26.

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County adds advanced care paramedics

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Paramedic Service has introduced advanced care paramedics into front-line operations, in what it says represents an important step in the evolution of health care for residents and visitors across the Highlands.

The County of Haliburton said Aug. 18 that following council approval, the service (HCPS) has now deployed its first front-line advanced care paramedic (ACP).

The program is expected to expand over time, while simultaneously, primary care paramedics (PCP) continue to keep up with "rigorous" education requirements for "a dynamic and expanding" scope of practice, the County said.

Warden Dave Burton said he was pleased to see health services expand to offer more for residents of the region.

"We are fortunate to have dedicated professionals serving on the front lines everyday, making the Haliburton Highlands an exceptional place to live and visit."

Every ambulance in Haliburton County is staffed by "highly-trained" PCPs, who provide "exceptional" care for the community, the County said.

It added the introduction of ACPs will complement the team and provide early interventions for patients experiencing the most complex, or time-critical, medical emergencies. Some common examples of these include: electrical cardioversion, intubation, and the administration of advanced medications to control things such as extreme pain or seizures.

For residents and visitors, this means an additional layer of advanced clinical care is now available within Haliburton County, the County said.

The first person to serve on a frontline ambulance as an ACP in Haliburton County is Shawn Foster, a paramedic with more than 10 years of front-line experience.

The County said, "Foster's achievement reflects both his personal commitment to professional development and HCPS' ongoing investment in providing exceptional emergency care to the community."

Chief Michael Slatter of the HCPS said last week's announcement "reflects our commitment to continually advancing the care we provide to our community.

"Our primary care paramedics already deliver exceptional care and are recognized for the progressive scope they practice under. Introducing advanced care paramedics builds on that strong foundation, ensuring our teams have even more clinical support available when caring for patients with the most complex medical needs.

The first paramedic to serve on a frontline ambulance as an advanced care paramedic in Haliburton County is Shawn Foster. *Submitted.*

"We appreciate the support of both County council and our residents and visitors as we continue strengthening emergency health care for Haliburton County."

The County added that the addition of ACPs "represents another milestone in HCPS' ongoing commitment to delivering evidence-informed, patient-centred health care while continuing to build health care equity to meet the evolving needs of the community."

Democracy group urges voters to make voices count

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with Lauren Hunter, Carol Moffatt, Barrie Martin and Jessica Slade to educate people about local political processes.

"We wanted to reduce the number of acclamations, get more people excited about local-level politics and to get involved. With three of four municipalities having 15 or more candidates, we definitely feel there's an increased interest."

All townships have more candidates, with 17 in Minden Hills (up from 11), 16 in Dysart (up from 15), 15 in Highlands East (up from seven) and nine in Algonquin Highlands (up from eight).

"The fact more people have put their hand in the air and said, 'I can contribute' is great, that's exactly what we were shooting for," Pennylegion said.

The HHHDP held four information sessions educating Highlanders about the realities of life in public office. It can be a thankless job, but one that has more of an impact on people's day-to-day lives than almost any other, Pennylegion said.

"Local-level government is the one we see and feel the most. Roads, waste, recreation, water – all municipal," he said.

Lay of the land

Liz Danielsen is seeking re-election for a second mayoral term in Algonquin Highlands. She will again duke it out with Mike Lang, who also ran in 2022.

Greg Bishop and Andrew Nowell are competing for mayor of Dysart et al, while Pat Casey will battle Walt McKechnie for the deputy mayor position.

Incumbent Dave Burton faces stiff competition in Highlands East, where he's seeking a sixth term. Steven Kauffeldt, Krystle Anne Pegg, Mike Killingsworth and Cheryl Ellis are also in the running.

There's a four-person race in Minden Hills, with Bob Carter seeking a second term. Current councillors Pam Sayne and Tammy McKelvey are also on the ballot, alongside Pat Kitcheman. Ivan Ingram and Richard Bradley will go head-to-head for deputy mayor.

HHHDP is organizing all-candidates meetings in all four townships; from 9:30 a.m. to noon: Highlands East Sept. 12 at the Cardiff Community Centre; Minden Hills Sept. 19 at the Minden Community Centre; Dysart et al Oct. 3 at the Haliburton Legion; and Algonquin Highlands Oct. 17 at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall.

Pennylegion said HHHDP will also be distributing mailouts before advanced polls open in October, so people know a little about each candidate. He hopes that will lead to a significant increase to the 26.59 per cent voter turnout in 2022.

"Our turnout was 20 per cent below the provincial average in 2022, which was already not great. I think it's really important people realize this is the level where you can really have an effect as a voter, so get out there and make your voice count," Pennylegion said.

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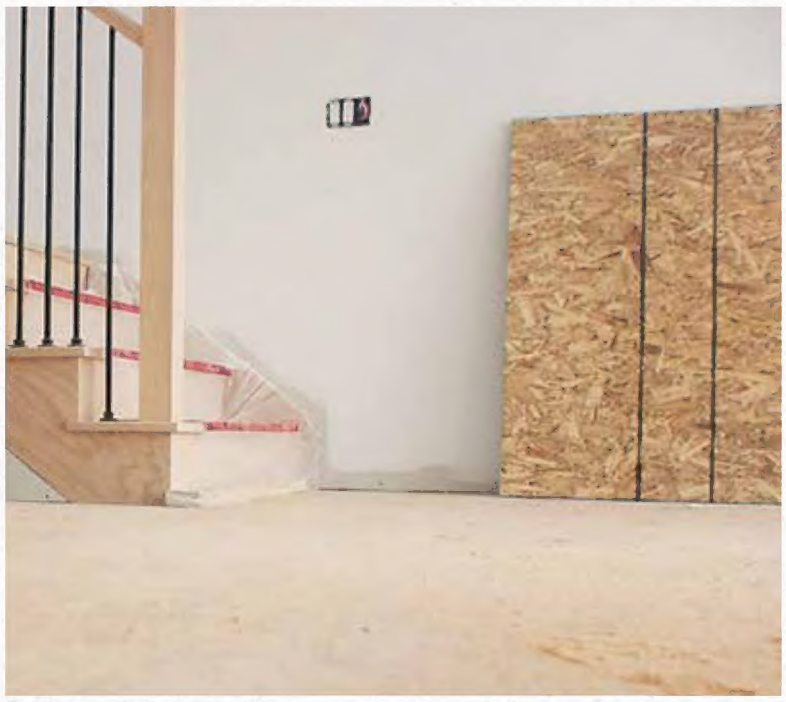

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Donna Lynn Clarke, representing the province, was on hand last July for the unveiling of the SALC program in Haliburton County. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Wellness clinics coming to County

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton's Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) program, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), and Haliburton County Community Paramedics (HCPS) have announced a series of free wellness clinics across the Highlands.

The partners described them as "friendly, drop-in events" that will bring healthcare-related community support agencies together in accessible settings, making it easier for residents to find useful information, services, and connections, in one convenient place.

They are designed for older adults, but open to residents of all ages.

The County said on Aug. 18 that the clinics will offer a one stop shop approach.

"These are wellness clinics, and not medical clinics. A primary care provider will not be on site. Residents do not need a family doctor to attend, and no appointment is required," the County said.

It added that support for caregiver respite on site will be available with a personal support worker attending. Free local event transportation will also be available for community members who book in advance. Call 705-286-1333 x.243 to inquire/book in advance. Light refreshments and snacks will be available on-site.

The County said that by removing the need for appointments, and connecting multiple partners in familiar community spaces, the clinics aim to reduce barriers for residents who may benefit from timely information, referrals, screenings, education or connection to local supports.

On-site services could include: blood pressure checks; flu vaccinations; point-of-care glucose testing; inhaler education; connection to community supports; and medication reviews. Services may vary by location.

County warden Dave Burton said they were excited to welcome residents to the free events and to work together with partners to support community well-being. He added it is "about meeting people where they are, and making it easier to access the information and supports that can help them stay well and connected."

Jack Hutchison, president and CEO of HHHS, said they're grateful for the opportunity to partner with the County and bring care as close to home as possible. "Through our team in community support and outpatient services, HHHS is committed to reducing the inequities of access to care while being a model of excellence in rural health," he said.

Upcoming wellness clinic dates and locations include:

Sept. 16 2-4 p.m. Dorset Community Centre, 1051 Main St.
Nov. 19 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cardiff Community Centre, 2747 Monck Rd.
Jan. 20, 2027 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Haliburton Legion: 719 Mountain St.
March 11, 2027 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St.

The County said funding for the program is provided by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility through the SALC program.

Dysart's new development eyes 119 residential units

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart has approved a new concept for its County Road 21 property. *File.*

Dysart et al council is moving forward with its planned residential and community development on County Road 21, after endorsing a preferred concept and vision for the municipal lands.

Consultants from The Biglieri Group presented two updated layout options during a regular council meeting Tuesday (Aug. 25). Both concepts, 3A and 3B, addressed municipal requests, such as swapping locations of a planned long-term care facility and a multi-use recreational facility.

Staff recommended going with concept 3A, a single-road layout designed to maximize housing density and cost efficiency. According to a staff report, the concept would allow for a minimum of 119 residential units, while utilizing a single primary road layout crossing an environmental buffer, which planners noted provides "the biggest bang for your buck" in terms of infrastructure efficiency.

Council focused on whether to include a highway commercial block at the front of the planned subdivision. Consultants cautioned that adding commercial space at the property's entrance complicates stormwater management.

"If the highway commercial block were to go in this area as requested... it essentially takes over the best location for a subdivision storm pond," Biglieri Group's Evan Sugden told council.

The project lead went on to note that a commercial zone would require multiple stormwater management solutions rather than a single unified solution.

"We felt it was better and more efficient for the municipality to keep a bigger multi-use block, a simpler stormwater management solution, and a cheaper stormwater management solution," Sugden said.

Biglieri Group's civil engineer, Jamie Dick, also recommended a single centralized pond.

"Ideally, one is the way to go here if it can function, work, and give the land the way you guys would like it to," he told council.

Addressing the project's priorities, coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts voiced a preference for housing over commercial space.

Council endorsed concept 3A. The Biglieri Group will move forward with preparing and submitting the required Planning Act applications.

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Medical centre repairs delayed

Council voted to cancel a tender for drainage improvements and foundation repairs at the Haliburton Medical Centre after receiving a single bid that exceeded municipal estimates.

Staff recommended holding off on the project until the next term of council after the lone submission from Total Site Services came back significantly higher than expected.

CAO Tamara Wilbee told council. "We don't have enough funds in the reserve that we're going to use to do that work, so we're recommending we cancel the tender and defer it to next year when we can budget for it appropriately."

Wilbee said that municipal spending limits also prevented any quick workarounds.

"Given the amount, I can't use my delegated authority," she explained.

The CAO also noted further issues were found at the building that is home to LifeLabs, which has been closed since the end of March.

"We've also just found some other issues to remediate that we're going to fix on Thursday that we think might be contributing to some of the issues as well," Wilbee said. "So, we'll have an update after that and know better where to go from there.

Halbiem seeks lower speed limit

Residents of Haliburton by the Lake are seeking a community safety zone designation following an apparent near-miss at a school bus stop.

Haliburton by the Lake Association's Kim Stamp requested the Halbiem Crescent subdivision be designated after two children were almost struck by a speeding vehicle while a school bus was stopped with its lights flashing and safety arm extended.

"Our current speed limit of 50 km/hr is way too fast for the safety of everyone using the road system," she told council.

The association is asking for the speed limit to be reduced to 30 km/hr.

Staff advised against a formal community safety zone, noting Dysart lacks a policy to evaluate such requests. Staff suggested a 30 km/hr "speed area" bylaw instead. Public works will collect speed data using a traffic camera over the next two weeks.

Dysart approves boat races for 2027

The annual Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) powerboat regatta will return to Head Lake next summer after council approved the scheduling of the event for Aug. 13 to 15.

Council highlighted the event's public attendance and its contribution of $6,000 raised for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Council did address some of the public feedback regarding event-related noise and parking shortages.

"I think we all have got to give a bit of grace to each other in regards to the different things we do in this town to attract different types of people," acting deputy mayor Pat Casey said. He added that the event draws winter-tourism demographics, such as snowmobilers, back to the municipality during summer months.

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Old fire hall

Responding to a council request for short-term options for the old downtown fire hall - while a long-term revitalization plan is being worked on - Minden Hills' chief building official, Tim Lewis, said at August's meeting that an open-air structure won't work.

The former fire hall was built in the 1970s and de-commissioned in 2018. The facility consists of a truck bay, storage, washrooms and public water filling station. Other than the washrooms, which were renovated in 2024 for public use, the former fire station is not used due to mould concerns.

Lewis said they asked Tatham Engineering's advice about removing interior walls and exterior cladding to create an open-air structure.

However, he said the structure was not originally designed to resist uplift forces. "Without the walls, the building would be continuously exposed to wind uplift loads, requiring significant structural reinforcement, such as new footings, uplift protection etc."

In addition to structural integrity concerns, Lewis said they were told removal of the exterior walls would result in the building no longer being heated, leaving the existing slab-on-grade foundation susceptible to frost heave and accelerated deterioration.

Lewis added that depending on plans, there may be portions of the structure that could be incorporated, or re-used, in a new design. The option would retain the public washrooms and water filling station. He said the other option is full or partial demolition and the space prepared for additional parking.

Coun. Ivan Ingram asked if they could put it out to tender to have the building disassembled and sold. Lewis said it was a possibility. Ingram said they could move the washrooms and tap into the council chamber building.

Coun. Bob Sisson said he knew a farmer who would take the building. He added The Rotary Club of Haliburton had installed pre-fabricated washrooms at Skyline Park they could check into.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher said they were happy to investigate options, but they were not inexpensive.

Council received the report as information.

Lochlin Community Centre

Council voted to prepare a new request for proposals (RFP) for the Lochlin Community Centre.

Fletcher said that in 2025, an RFP was released seeking proposals from qualified individuals to supply and install a turnkey Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act-compliant and barrier-free community centre.

She said the 2025 tender was for a pre-fabricated structure, but had "become stale-dated as proponents are not required to hold their prices for more than 60 days, or as otherwise mutually agreed to by each respondent."

Fletcher said, "this RFP would specify the township's requirements and leave open the method of construction."

She said the new RFP will be developed and released within the next month.

Moving up the hill

Fletcher asked council for permission to develop an agreement with the County of Haliburton to use the County's new council chambers.

She noted the County has completed a major renovation to re-locate the chambers to their 12 Newcastle St. site.

Fletcher said, "the Minden Hills council chambers is in need of renovations (ceiling tile, flooring, paint, furnishings) and improvements related to audio-visual equipment. Given the proximity of the County and Minden Hills council chambers, staff from both the municipality and County have been discussing the best use of investment dollars and the potential to share space for council meetings."

She added if they were to move, the Minden Hills council chambers could be designed as a much-needed modern meeting room.

Staff will present a draft shared space agreement with the County at a future council meeting.

Back-up generator and tandem truck

Finance director Zach Drinkwalter asked staff to award the purchase of an emergency backup generator for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena - to Del Sharp Electric Ltd - for $226,141.76 plus HST.

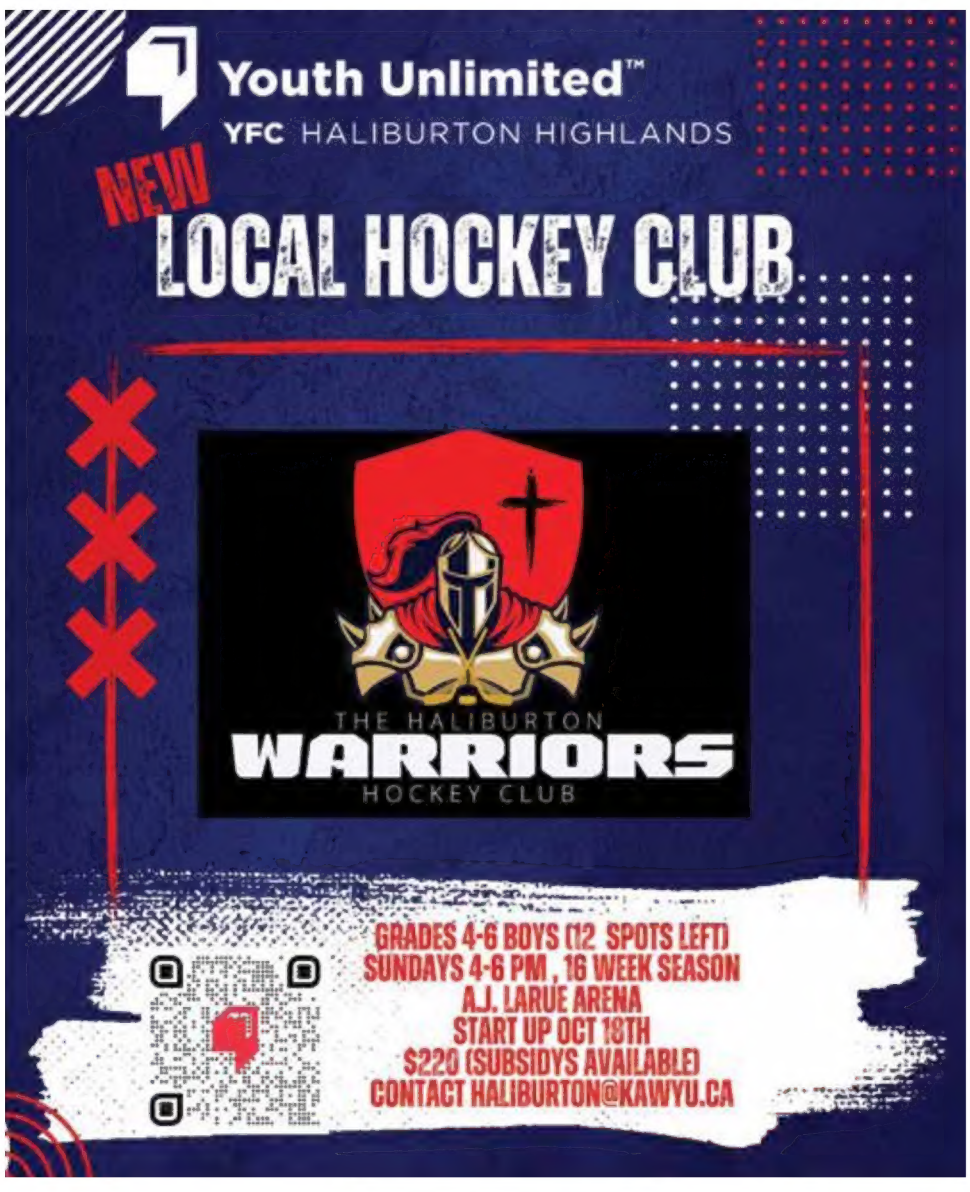
CAO Cynthia Fletcher. *File.*

He noted the 2026 capital budget has $300,000 allocated to the project. Drinkwalter said the township has applied for a Hydro grant for up to $25,000 towards the project. If successful, it will receive notification in September or October.

Following a rollover incident on March 3, the township needed a replacement tandem truck.

At the meeting, Drinkwalter asked for permission to purchase a new one from Winslow-Gerolamy Motors Ltd for $459,687.94 plus HST, to be reimbursed by the township's insurer.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



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Almost a wrap on arts foundation raffle

By Mike Baker

With nine days to go in the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation's (HHACF) 'big online summer raffle', the group's president, Michael Clipperton, said all funds raised will help progress plans to bring a new performing arts facility to the area.

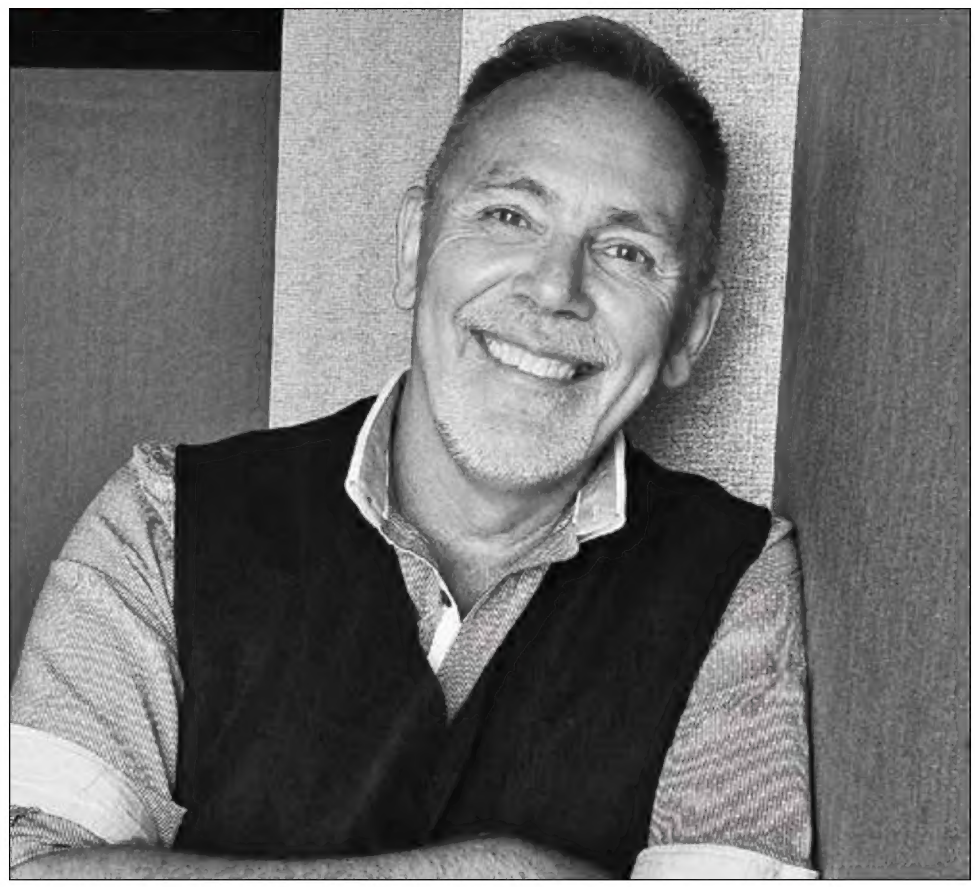
Launched in June, the raffle is HHACF's first-ever fundraiser, Clipperton said. There are five price points for people to choose from – they can purchase one ticket for $10, five for $20, 15 for $40, 50 for $75, or 100 for $100.

It's being run online through Rafflebox, with $1,950 raised as of press time on Wednesday (Aug. 26). Clipperton said the host site will take eight-to-nine per cent of the total winnings, with the rest of the pot to be split between HHACF and the winner.

"We're hoping to net about $1,000. This is our first attempt at a fundraising venture, and we're pleased with how it's gone so far," Clipperton said.

It's been four years since HHACF presented results from a feasibility study that suggested the Highlands community could sustain a "world-class" operation consisting of a 400-seat auditorium, rehearsal hall, backstage facilities, front of house lobby with concessions, office space for theatre management, and music studios.

The project was initially pegged at $48 million, though the foundation said in 2025 it had scaled back elements of the project to bring anticipated costs down to $30-35 million. In 2024, Dysart et al sold a 14-acre parcel on the corner of Wonderland Road and County Road 21 to HHACF for $1 to serve as the home of the future build.



HHACF president Michael Clipperton said the group still hopes to break ground on a new arts centre in Haliburton by 2030. *Submitted.*

Clipperton said the group has invested more than $200,000 so far commissioning various reports. Environmental impact and traffic studies have been completed, with expensive archeological and hydrogeological analyses up next.

After running a community survey over the summer, garnering 60 responses, Clipperton feels he and the rest of the HHACF board have a mandate from potential users of the site.

"We heard that people are in support of the project, they are hopeful it will happen, but they have concerns – particularly about the cost of rentals and how we'll make that sustainable," Clipperton said.

He said one of the most interesting things coming out of the survey is that 80 per cent of the respondents admitted they leave Haliburton County for much of their entertainment, with Toronto and Casino Rama popular destinations.

While still working with Dysart et al and the County on the file, Clipperton reaffirmed HHACF wants to have shovels in the ground by 2030.

"We're hopeful, but this is going to be a long and drawn-out process. Our consultants who did the initial feasibility study were involved in the construction of the art centre in St. Catharines and that was a 20-year process," Clipperton said.

"We're hoping to get up to 50 per cent of the project costs covered by provincial and federal grants, but we'd still need to raise our portion. At that $30-35 million number, this would be the largest infrastructure project in the history of Haliburton County for the last 50 years," he added.

Tickets can be purchased online at rafflebox.ca/raffle/hhacf.

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What a difference

By Mike Baker

The race is officially on in Haliburton County, with 57 political hopefuls vying for 23 council positions in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills.

Nomination deadlines for municipal council candidates passed on Friday (Aug. 21). It's a much different picture from four years ago, when exactly half of all available positions in the Highlands were filled by acclamation – meaning only one person registered for the seat.

After seeing 12 acclamations across the four townships in 2022, we have just one this election cycle. Karla MacKay will serve as the Ward 1 representative in Algonquin Highlands, replacing two-term councillor Julia Shortreed who didn't seek re-election. There are contests for every other position, including five people vying to become mayor in Highlands East and four in Minden Hills.

Beginning this week, *The Highlander* will be publishing a series of Q&As with council hopefuls. We asked them about their qualifications, the biggest issue in their township – and how they'd go about tackling it, and their overarching vision for the community.

Our hope was, by presenting vague and open-ended questions, we'd get a wide range of responses. That should, in theory, give readers the opportunity to decide for themselves which candidates fit their values and vision best.

I feel like there's a nice spread of candidates this time around. We have the older, more experienced heads looking to give back to their community, but there's also a good number of working professionals who have stepped up to the plate. Ballots include those who were born and raised in the Highlands, as well as recent imports, full-time residents and seasonal.

Having read most of the answers, folks seem much more engaged and aligned on the key issues facing County townships over the next four years.

That's important, because these next councils are going to have to hit the ground running once they're sworn in. The affordability and governance review, prepared for the County by consultants the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, is arguably the biggest, most significant file in this community's history. Essentially, our next councils will decide whether or not to amalgamate Haliburton County.

Four options have been presented: maintain the status quo; have the County take on the bulk of municipal services and maintain the lower-tiers to handle bylaws and recreation; maintain the upper-tier County and merge Dysart et al with Highlands East, and Minden Hills with Algonquin Highlands; or a full single-tier amalgamation.

Each township also has its own challenges maintaining infrastructure, retaining staff, and keeping on top of major files such as the short-term rental and shoreline preservation bylaws.

Make no mistake about it, the 2026-30 term could be the most pivotal in this County's history. We know all townships are struggling financially; change is desperately needed.

So, while it's a positive that we have a strong number of candidates, it's imperative voters get it right when hitting the polls in October. Our councils need analytical minds, the best of the best around the table to crunch the numbers and do a deep dive on everything presented by EORN, while also doing more of their own homework, too. We'll only get one crack of the whip to get this right.

There are other options for you to learn more about each nominee. The Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project has organized all-candidates meetings in all four townships, happening in September and October.

Average voter turnout in 2022 was a pathetic 26.59 per cent. That number must increase this time around.

Social media pages I regularly frequent have been filled with complaints about rising costs, service reductions, lack of recreational events and opportunities, and more. Just know, if you don't vote, you do have to forfeit your 'right to complain' badge.

So, get on it. Do some research, folks – election day is just 60 days away.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

A place to rest and rejuvenate

By Susan Tromanhauser

Like a superhero, Jewel Milligan has a secret identity. Afternoons and evenings, she is an energetic, friendly, server, welcoming hungry diners with a wide smile and engaging conversation. But once she removes her apron and returns to her Boshkung Lake home, she wants to be alone.

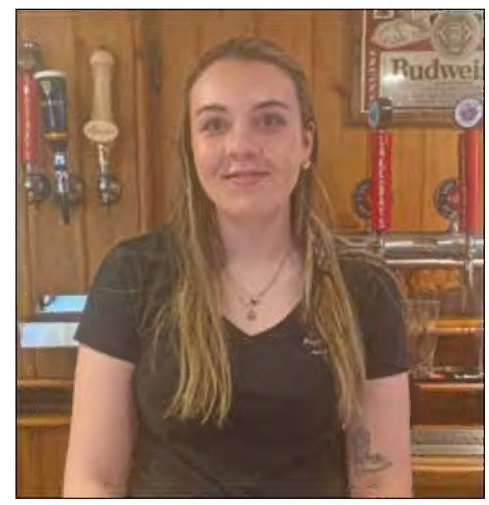
Milligan is the epitome of an introvert, but don't confuse her with someone who is shy. She just prefers a quiet life, which is why moving to Boshkung Lake near Carnarvon was perfect for her lifestyle. After expending energy with people, time alone is the way Milligan rejuvenates.

For most of her life, 21-year-old Milligan lived in Innisville with her mother. But a year ago, to support her grandmother's recent ALS diagnosis, they moved into her grandparent's Boshkung home. Her grandparents, originally from Toronto, retired to the Highlands because of fond childhood memories of summers on Halls Lake.

Milligan takes advantage of lakeside living, taking a dip as a favourite way to relax. After a long day of "being on," swimming is a stress relief. Milligan also likes to rejuvenate with a good book or to colour - the activity is a creative escape. Without the pressure of a blank page, colouring calms her mind as well as stimulates her creative side.

Once rejuvenated, Milligan does socialize, although not the loud nights out at bars or big parties common for young people in their 20s. She has a group of friends who enjoy going out to grab some ice cream, coffee or a bite to eat. A great evening for Milligan is a visit to a friend's home to play games or have a bonfire.

Milligan did try city life for a while, saying "when I was younger, I always thought I wanted to move to Toronto. I thought 'it's so fun, I would love it'." She attended York University for two years but didn't love it. The large campus was overwhelming, so she transferred to the smaller Orillia Lakehead University. The hour commute is alone time in the car Mulligan enjoys. It is an opportunity to listen to a podcast, and she finds the drive "relaxing, especially first thing in the morning. I love it because there is no traffic, no stop and go lights" like in the city. She is studying social work and is looking forward to placement opportunities. Mulligan is unsure of what specific employment she is seeking but knows she wants to help people in some way.



Jewel Milligan at The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House. *Submitted*

Mulligan is fortunate. At an early age, she has learned what works best for her happiness. When she dons her apron and begins her serving shift, she eagerly engages with the public and enjoys her work and colleagues; but when her day is over, she returns to the quiet lake life of Boshkung to rest and rejuvenate.

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Extreme trans activism divisive

Dear editor,

Hate has no place in our society. Homophobia is repulsive and pathetic.

However, Pride parades can no longer automatically expect everyone's embrace. Much of the public is, or has become, indifferent to them. Many see them as now unnecessary and outdated or just a compulsory invitation to virtue signalling for politicians. I know gay people who want nothing to do with them and just want to live their lives without publicity and parades.

I would suggest the current rise in seeming anti-gay attitudes is not so much a reaction to regular gay community engagement, but an unfortunate and misplaced byproduct of recent polarizing issues.

Back in post-Stonewall days, when there was just LGB, and the fight for gay rights was gathering momentum in 1981, San Francisco hosted the International Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade, inaugurating the growth of Pride parades everywhere.

That led to eventual gay rights recognition, protection laws, same-sex marriage, and finally now an entire month of world-wide celebrations. In the intervening 45 years, I would suggest that gay rights and gay lives are now considered irreversibly mainstream in free societies. There is no longer a need to campaign for gay visibility today in an age when the majority of people find homosexuality neither remarkable nor objectionable. There will, of course, always be intolerant and ignorant outliers

The problem now is, like many social causes, an extreme activist minority has hijacked the gay agenda. Instead of LGB, we now have LGBTQIA2S+, and are told there are 54 kinds of gender and that sex is not binary, but a spectrum. The tipping point, however, has been in the last decade with radical trans activists commandeering the gay movement at the expense of gays in highly controversial, hostile, aggressive and divisive ways - violating women's rights by pushing trans women into women's sports, washrooms, changerooms, salons, prisons and shelters; pushing queer theory on children in schools without parental knowledge; promoting irreversible sex changes in vulnerable youth (being castrated or enduring mastectomies, using puberty blockers); using odd self-identifying pronouns; and aggressively attacking any opposition by waging cancellation or shaming campaigns, getting people fired or harassed, or filing human rights complaints over not having their identities properly validated (the novel crime of misgendering).

Sadly, reasonable pushback and unpopularity to the extreme trans agenda have, by unfairly misplaced association, caused some underserving backlash, sometimes hostility, against the wider LGBT community, many of whom also disagree strongly with, or disassociate themselves from, extreme trans activism.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake

The devil you know

Dear editor,

Well, it seems everyone wants to be mayor. Our October election has a number of candidates in Highlands East for mayor. It appears that most, perhaps all, have little to no council experience. Why would anyone have illusions for mayor and no experience? Somewhat like applying for prime minister. Our prime minister did it, you say, but only after working very closely with government in two countries for several years.

One of the County's mayors will have to be warden. Let us hope the new warden will have some experience before taking on this most difficult position. Our current mayor has 20 years experience and has served four or five terms as warden.

There are several excellent candidates who want to serve. Let them serve as councillors this time and then go for the mayor's chair. Please remember my friends that very old adage 'the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know.'

Chuck Viner
Gooderham

Lifelabs questions

Dear editor,

As a lifelong resident of the Haliburton Highlands, save the past three years when I relocated to the Maritimes, I have read with interest and deep concern about the closure of the Haliburton LifeLabs facility in the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre.

I was a member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Board for 17 years and am all too familiar with the importance of this facility, not only to the residents of the village of Haliburton, but to so many smaller communities to the north, east and south of the village.

I have been told this closure has put enormous pressure on the lab in Minden and, for many patients, significantly increased the time and distance required to attend.

Why has the company not opened an alternate site in the village until the issues in the present location are resolved? Why hasn't Dysart et al council advocated for a remedy? Where does the medical profession stand on the elimination of this vital link in the local health care system?

Finally, how this facility can be deemed inoperable, in isolation of the rest of the building, is curious to say the least.

Jim Mitchell
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Science doesn't take the fifth

Dear editor,

It has become crystal clear that COVID policies caused harm to the public.

People lost their jobs, their businesses, families became divided, even encouraged to not associate with the unvaccinated.

The mRNA was pushed on the public without proper testing for long-term effects. It is known that there are hundreds of adverse effects: a few being myocarditis, blood clots, immune system disorders. Effectiveness went from 95 per cent to zero for variants. It was revealed that the mRNA injections did not stop transmission and were never tested for stopping transmission. Healthy people and children never needed the injections.

Lockdowns caused more harm than good. Too many people jumped on the band wagon, following people like Dr. Fauci who was more interested in celebrity than public health, as was shown in his diaries.

Many mistakes were made and now is the time to look at what happened and ensure this never happens again. Dr. Fauci betrayed public trust and should be held accountable along with Pharma companies that presented an ineffective and unsafe product to the public.

The irony is that science showed that the mRNA gene-therapy, synthetic biology injection was not a good treatment against a highly-mutable flu-like virus, SARS-CoV-2 and had many adverse effects that outweighed the questionable benefits.

It never should have been made mandatory and took away the most basic right of every citizen to informed choice and consent. Also, science doesn't take the fifth.

Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill

Do your own research

Dear editor,

It is time to fact-check those costly, full-page, scary, government ads.

New jails will not make Ontario safer. Providing safe, affordable housing will make Ontario safer. Delivering prompt help for people with mental illness will make Ontario safer. Raising the minimum wage will make Ontario safer. Establishing a guaranteed, liveable, basic income will make Ontario safer.

Do your own research.

Carolynn Coburn and Eric Lilius
Eagle Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Keith Sjogren took this photograph on the shore of Billings Lake in Highlands East. The insect taking a rest is called a Widow Skimmer Dragonfly.

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THIS WEEK:

Meet Dysart et al mayoral candidate Greg Bishop

VOTE 26 MINDEN HILLS

Editor's note: *We are beginning our municipal election coverage this week with the contenders for Minden Hills' Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3. We asked each candidate the same three questions and gave them a maximum of 150 words to respond to each query. We also requested photos. We will be featuring all candidates in wards where there is a race leading up to the Oct. 26 election date.*

Ward 1 – Dan Garbutt

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: My qualifications come from over 20 years of owning and operating Highlands Towing, followed by my role as operations manager with our family business, Garbutt Disposal.

I've spent my career running businesses, managing people and resources, solving problems, managing time, and making practical decisions.

I'm an entrepreneur and a common-sense thinker who enjoys working with people and finding solutions to common problems. I understand that decisions have consequences and that accountability is important.

I've also always believed in giving back to our community. I support local sports and community organizations through sponsorships and personal involvement because I believe a strong community is something we all have a responsibility to build.

I don't come from a political background, and I see that as a strength. I bring real-world business experience, a practical perspective, and a genuine commitment to our community. I'm ready to listen, work collaboratively, and make responsible decisions.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about.

A: My vision for Minden Hills is a community that is financially responsible, growing in a thoughtful way, and remaining a great place to live, work, raise a family and visit.

I want to see us support local businesses, encourage responsible development, maintain our infrastructure, and continue investing in the community while protecting the character that makes Minden Hills special.

I would work toward that by listening to residents, working collaboratively with council and staff, making decisions based on sound information and long-term value, and looking for practical solutions rather than simply identifying problems. My experience as a business owner has taught me the importance of managing resources carefully, planning ahead and being accountable for decisions.

Most importantly, I want residents to feel that their council is accessible, responsive and working for the community as a whole.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: One of the biggest issues facing Minden Hills is management and accountability, particularly when it comes to communication with residents. Having owned and operated a small business for over 20 years, customer service is a top priority for me. When someone contacted my business, they deserved a response and to know that their concerns were being addressed.

I've heard from many residents who feel they are not getting calls back or receiving timely communication from the township. While I know this isn't the case in every department, I believe we need to improve accountability and service standards across the organization.

I believe our roads and planning departments require particular attention. I would work with council and staff to identify where the problems are, establish clear expectations, measure performance, and ensure residents receive timely communication. My approach would be to listen, identify the problems, and find practical solutions that would improve service.

Ward 1 – Shirley Johannessen

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: Four years' experience on Minden Hills council, along with a strong commitment to our community and the people who call it home. During my first term, I have learned municipal government is much more than making decisions; it is about listening, asking questions, understanding the facts, and finding practical solutions.

I am a mother of two grown children, a wife, and someone who genuinely enjoys people and their stories. I am a proud Minden Rotarian and also serve on the Minden Horticultural Society, Staanworth non-profit housing corporation and Haliburton Snowmobile Club. I'm involved with the Minden Community Food Centre food plots at the fairgrounds and other community engagements.

These experiences have given me a broad understanding of our community. I bring an open mind, common sense, accessibility and willingness to learn. I will continue to listen to residents, and work collaboratively and represent Ward 1 with honesty, respect and dedication.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?

A: My vision is for Minden Hills to be financially responsible, welcoming, and confident about its future; a community where people can afford to live, businesses can succeed, and residents can enjoy the quality of life we value.

We need to plan for growth while protecting what makes Minden Hills unique. That means maintaining roads, infrastructure, supporting a vibrant downtown, encouraging appropriate housing and economic development, strengthening tourism, and investing wisely in recreation and community spaces like the cultural centre and library.

Bringing this vision about requires good governance and long-term thinking. Council must make decisions based on facts, financial responsibility and public input; not simply on what is easiest today. I want to continue building relationships with residents, businesses, community organizations and County partners.

I believe we need a council that listens, communicates clearly, respects different opinions and keeps our community's best interests at the center of its decisions.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: The biggest issue is balancing affordability with the cost of maintaining services and infrastructure our community depends on. The pressure on taxpayers is real, while roads, buildings, bridges and recreation facilities require ongoing investment. At the same time, we need to prepare for growth and demographic change.

There are no easy answers. We need to look at our priorities, reserves, asset management, service levels, strategic plan brought back to the table, and opportunities to work more efficiently. We require responsible economic development and growth that strengthens our tax base while protecting our community's character.

I understand concerns that changes in governance could affect our identity. Our identity comes from residents, businesses, organizations, volunteers and history.

Whether we want change or not, we have a responsibility to be prepared. We need to look at all options, challenges, and make informed decisions, not avoid difficult conversations, I will listen, learn and do my best.

Ward 1 – Joe McManamu

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: I have dedicated myself to my craft for more than 40 years. I have contracted my services to the entertainment industry. Film and television work experience is an ideal match required for a municipal councillor.

Hard work and persistence must be applied to resolve various needs. We must apply empathy and care for the residents of Minden Hills who present their needs. A dedicated team focused on one task at one time to reach a resolution. This task must be done under rigid time restraint and on budget.

Trust and integrity are integral qualifications of our team. Often, creative solutions to challenging situations need us to think outside the box. I always show up with a desire to help.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about.

A: My vision for Minden Hills is growth. With the population increasing, more job creation and housing development is required. To meet this growth demand, this municipality must make several changes

Affordable housing developments can be introduced by working with local contractors and streamlining the building and planning process.

Small businesses can be offered tax holiday incentives to qualified projects. Possible tax reduction for property owners may be offered, with more financial belt tightening by the municipality.

We all are being asked to do more for less in these difficult financial times. Increased funding for seniors can provide better transportation options as well as home care.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: The biggest issue I see is the township delays in development, which is a direct deterrent to investors in Minden. The overlap between County and municipal planning and building often makes the contractor avoid Minden. Projects needing to have new bylaw changes written must be reduced to assure costs to build do not become prohibitive. We must do better.

It's time for change. I would like to be part of that change for the residents of Minden Hills.

MINDEN HILLS VOTE 26

The Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project will be hosting a Minden Hills all-candidates gathering on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to noon (doors open at 9 a.m.) at the Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St., Minden.
Next week, we'll continue our Minden Hills candidate coverage. Mayors will be profiled in October.

Ward 1 - Keith Moore

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?
A: I have worked and resided in Haliburton County for over 40 years, with the last 20 years living in Minden. I have worked in various fields throughout my life, including being a certified architectural designer, working both for local businesses and as a sole proprietor; being a former part-owner of the Jug City franchises in Minden, Haliburton, and Carnarvon; and, a retired senior technician with the TransCanada Pipeline with CET from Seneca.

I have worked and interacted with municipal staff, homeowners, various trades workers, customers, and community members for most of my life here in Minden. I also have experience developing budgets for a large corporation, and worked with an electronics firm in designing and prototyping industrial and military electronic equipment. I have the experience, knowledge, and expertise to be an asset to the Minden council both in chambers collaborating on decisions, and as an active member of this community.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?
A: I would like to see future growth for Minden, both in tourism and in commercial enterprises, to develop stronger employment opportunities for younger generations who wish to stay within the community, and to attract more young people to raise their families and build a life here.

I would like to grow the community with input from the constituents who live here and who will directly be affected by council's decisions. I have heard from many people within our community who feel that their concerns are not being heard by our local government, and my vision for being an elected council member in Minden Hills is to be the bridge between my neighbours and council chambers.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?
A: My biggest issue relates back to my vision for the future of the community. I would like to be able to work with council and staff to build a better future for Minden based on the input from citizens' concerns and to make collective decisions that have the best net positive outcome for the community.

To promote growth by streamlining the process for new ventures and development to come into the community. The current policies around planning and development can seem to be somewhat restrictive, which hinders growth within the community; accountability and fairness are key in achieving this. I believe that we can accomplish these things with a concerted effort by all of us, together, to make these things come to fruition. Not just the government; I feel we need to embrace personal contact with council and municipal staff

Ward 3 - Jeff Hancock

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?
A: While I have no experience as a municipal councillor, I have worked in the engineering field for the past 35-plus years as an account manager for a large global company, serving hospitals, food plants, paper plants, nuclear plants, ethanol plants, steel mills and general manufacturing facilities.

In those roles, I learned many different processes and provided technical consultation to each client to protect their assets, reduce operating costs and deliver water and energy savings. Those same skill sets, coupled with my absolute love for this area, will allow me to represent Ward 3 constituents and fulfill my duties as councillor by acting as a problem solver. I will work hard to improve, protect and promote the area.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?
A: I watched the presentation to County council Aug. 12 regarding the completed affordability and governance study. It was apparent not all County councillors were aligned. No matter how much the study findings tell us we need to do something different, and despite how hard the Haliburton County CAO is trying to keep this work and community engagement on track, I see no path forward with any County council making the final decision.

I'd rather see a Haliburton County-wide referendum vote in late 2027 or early 2028 where voters alone will decide our future and not the eight individuals on County council. Financial deep dives on the four presented models are the next step. That work should be completed by December 2026 and available to the newly-elected councils in all four municipalities. In early 2027, I would hope to see the newly-elected County council agree on, approve, and schedule a referendum vote.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?
A: Since the last amalgamation, we have noticed a slow but steady decline in Ward 3 (former Snowdon Township) in three main areas. Our municipal roads are not maintained as well, or as often, our standing within the municipality has become secondary at best to the town of Minden, our rivers (Irondale, Drag and Burnt) have not been maintained since the MNR transferred that responsibility to the municipality.

I will work hard to find a solution to improve our road maintenance. Improving our standing within the municipality will be more difficult, but I guarantee I will try. Naming the municipality Minden Hills during the last amalgamation did not help, making it very difficult to differentiate between the town of Minden and the municipality itself. 'Highlands West' would have been more appropriate and inclusive. Getting Minden Hills working with whoever they need to on the rivers is a must. Doing nothing cannot continue.

Ward 3 - Lisa Mercer

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?
A: I bring a combination of previous council experience, business experience, and a long history of living, raising a family, and working in our community. I served on Lutterworth council from 1985 to 2000, where I gained experience in municipal decision-making, budgeting and working with taxpayers to address local issues. Professionally, I owned and operated a successful title search company for many years and since 2009, I have worked as a local real estate broker.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?
A: My vision for Minden Hills is a municipality that is transparent and focuses on the people who live here, as well as those who choose this area for their recreational property.

We need to support responsible growth that strengthens our local economy while protecting the rural character and beauty that makes Minden Hills such a great place to live and play.

We need to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. Many costs are mandated by the province; however, the council still has a responsibility to carefully evaluate every decision. I believe we can achieve this through open communication, respectful discussion, and thoughtful decision-making.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?
A: I believe one of the biggest challenges facing Minden Hills is maintaining the services property owners expect, while managing rising costs and keeping taxes as affordable as possible. We need to keep looking for ways to be more efficient with the tax dollars we do control. Council needs to distinguish between essential needs and wants and make decisions that provide long-term value for property owners.

Equally important is the need for property owners to feel heard. Better communication and meaningful public engagement lead to better decisions and stronger community support. My approach would be to listen carefully, ask questions, review the facts and work with council, staff, and property owners to find practical solutions. We won't solve every challenge overnight, but by making responsible financial decisions and keeping property owners involved, we can put Minden Hills on a stronger path for the future.

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Ward 2 – Brad Griffin

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: I have lived in the County for most of my life, and for eight years now, in Minden Hills. I have been a self-employed local businessowner for over 40 years and now retired. Throughout my career, I have developed a strong understanding of people, the importance of building relationships and the value of following through on commitments.

I have volunteered with local organizations and am always willing to step up when challenges arise, taking the time to understand the issues, learn the details, and find practical solutions.

I am a man of my word. I believe in personal accountability, keeping my commitments, and the importance of a handshake.

If elected, I will bring that same work ethic and sense of responsibility to Minden Hills. I will work collaboratively to make sound, responsible, decisions that are in the best interests of our community.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?

A: I feel I have a personal stake in the future of our community. Two of my sons own businesses in the County and they are raising young families here.

For our community to thrive in the future, it is essential that we support existing businesses, encourage new businesses to establish themselves, and create an environment where families can build a future.

Access to skilled employees has consistently been a challenge. Fields such as the skilled trades, healthcare, tourism and others deserve greater support.

Timely approval of new construction and renovation projects is also important when trying to put down roots. Ultimately, more growth means more jobs, stronger businesses, and more families choosing to live, play, work and invest in our community.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: Since deciding to run for council, I have made a point of reaching out and speaking with many people throughout Minden Hills.

It's not about what I think the issues are, it's more about the people's issues. I want to be a strong voice for the community. I believe residents deserve to be heard and their concerns deserve thoughtful attention and action.

When I am a councillor, I will listen, communicate openly, work collaboratively with council and staff, and focus on finding practical solutions.

Ward 2 – Stephen Hertel

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: I bring more than 35 years of public service experience, including front-line law enforcement, supervisory and leadership roles, municipal service, emergency management, community outreach, and the fire service. Those experiences taught me how important accountability, teamwork, communication and sound decision-making are when serving the public.

As a volunteer firefighter and active member of our community, I understand the realities facing rural municipalities: from emergency response and infrastructure to limited resources and increasing costs.

I'm also someone who is prepared to ask questions, listen to residents, and respectfully challenge decisions when necessary. Council needs people who can work collaboratively while remembering they are accountable to taxpayers.

I am running because I care deeply about Ward 2 and Minden Hills. I believe my combination of municipal experience, public safety knowledge, leadership and community involvement would allow me to bring a practical, independent and community-focused voice to council.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills – and how would you bring that about?

A: My vision is a Minden Hills that remains affordable, welcoming and distinctly rural while providing the services and infrastructure residents need and expect.

Growth is important, but it should be responsible growth that strengthens our community rather than changing the qualities that brought people here in the first place. We need to support local businesses and tourism, protect our lakes and environment, maintain reliable roads and infrastructure, and ensure our emergency services have the resources they need.

I would bring that vision to council by listening first, asking difficult questions and making decisions based on evidence, affordability and long-term value. I want residents to understand not only what council decides, but why.

Most importantly, I want Ward 2 residents to know they have an accessible councillor who will return calls, listen to concerns and bring their voices to the council table.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: I believe affordability is one of the biggest challenges facing Minden Hills; not only the affordability of living here, but the affordability of municipal government itself.

Residents are facing higher costs for housing, food, fuel, insurance and everyday necessities. Municipal taxes and fees are part of that pressure, so council has a responsibility to demonstrate that every tax dollar is being spent carefully.

The township's affordability and governance review provides an important opportunity to examine how we deliver services, where efficiencies can be found, and whether our current structure gives residents the best value possible.

I would approach that discussion with an open mind. This should not simply be about cutting services. It should be about delivering them smarter, reducing duplication, setting clear priorities, and planning for the long-term.

Residents deserve good services, responsible taxation, and a municipal government that is transparent and accountable for how it spends their money.

Ward 2 – John McNeil

Q: What are your qualifications to run for council?

A: I am a local homeboy who grew up here. I care for the residents in the area. I help people first before helping myself. I'm a giver, not a taker. I fight for things that people need or want. I offer safety information on a Facebook site I own and operate. I have seven others working for me on that site. The site is for driving and information on roads, weather and tornado activities. In the winter months, it is extremely busy and helpful, but it operates in all seasons, it's called Cottage Country All Ontario Road & Weather Watch with 22,000 members plus. I also have a meteorologist working with me and the group. I have been a leader for eight years for my site.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Minden Hills - and how would you bring that about?

A: Over many years, I have seen Minden falling apart, meaning businesses have closed up, gone elsewhere, or just vanished from the area that we call home. I want to bring back a few things that we once had to make Minden more prosperous in resources and economy.

The vision for the new Minden for me: attractions and business. Without businesses or attractions, Minden would no longer be in business. I want to have new docks put in so that cottagers from Gull Lake and river can come to town by boat, to shop and dine out, to get their prescriptions or just to walk the Riverwalk or go to the arena and sports centre. We need to expand Minden's economy for growth, bring in more jobs.

I want to remove the old fire house and put in a water park for our children, even add a normal park downtown for when our tourists come to town, they can bring their children to the park or water park for some fun.

Q: What do you think is the biggest issue in your township and how would you go about tackling it?

A: We actually have two big problems within our town. First that has to be fixed is our flooding. I have a plan to stop the flooding, but it will take the government to step in also to fix these problems. The flooding takes a toll on our economy and our residents and their homes.

I would say how I would fix the problem, but that is for me to bring forth to our council once I am on council. Second is our downtown roads. Many of our entrances to downtown are rubbish; Water Street, Prince Street, Invergordon Avenue, McKnight Drive, St Germaine Street and Anson Street all need to be redone, torn up, built up and resurfaced. This cannot be done until the flooding problem is solved and fixed.

MooseFM's Rick Lowes reflected on the legacy of The Tragically Hip at the radio station on Aug. 20. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

The Hip: cottage country anthems

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Many Canadians can remember exactly where they were on Aug. 20, 2016. A decade later, after The Tragically Hip walked off the stage for the last time in Kingston, Ont., Gord Downie's voice can still be heard across the vast lakes of Haliburton County.

"In a lot of people's minds, they're Canada's greatest band," Haliburton's MooseFM host Rick Lowes said.

On Aug. 20, MooseFM joined dozens of radio stations to mark the 10th anniversary of the band's final show. The station dedicated a three-hour block to playing nothing but The Hip.

For Lowes, dedicating a massive chunk of afternoon airtime to the iconic Ontario rockers wasn't a complex programming decision; it was simply common sense.

"Certainly, a lot of our listeners listen to The Hip... it just seemed like the logical move," Lowes explained.

With the age-old debate about what is the country's greatest band, the host points to the bond between The Hip and small-town audiences, especially in cottage country.

"The Hip have a special place in Canada's heart, I think, because they made it huge in Canada, but they really didn't pursue any kind of career outside of the country," Lowes said. "So many of their songs are so relatable to every Canadian."

The Hip's legacy isn't just felt across local airwaves; it's alive on stages across the Highlands. For father-son duo VanHillert, The Hip represents pure Canadian rock, and a shared interest that spans generations.

The father reflected on seeing the band before they were a household name, during a summer gig at Wasaga Beach in July 1986.

"They were nobody," Chris Hillert told *The Highlander* before a gig at Minden's Boshkung Social.

"They played at the Dardanella, and downstairs was this little schlocky pool hall. The first impression was [Gord] had a piece of plywood that he used to stand on, stomping his feet around like Stompin' Tom [Connors]. He kind of reminded me of Jim Morrison. That kind of stuck with me. If you were to define that sound, that Canadian rock sound, that's The Hip."

For Owen Hillert, drummer in VanHillert, the connection to the Kingston band was formed during that final night a decade ago.

Nearly twelve million people tuned in to watch the final concert that was aired on the CBC.

"It was kind of sombre," Chris said. "We all knew what was going on. We really absorbed it."

Owen was just eight years old at the time.

"I watched that whole thing, and that's what really got me into them. Now we play a bunch of their songs," Owen said.

For local performers, Hip tracks aren't just covers; they're cottage country anthems. When VanHillert rips into songs like "Blow At High Dough," the reaction in the room is instant.

"They pay attention more to The Hip than anything," Owen said. "It's a universal ring bell for their minds to just focus on."

"Whenever we play it, it's the biggest response of the night," his father added. "I don't know, it's just a universal language up here."

Downie was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer in December 2015. He died on Oct. 17, 2017, at the age of 53.

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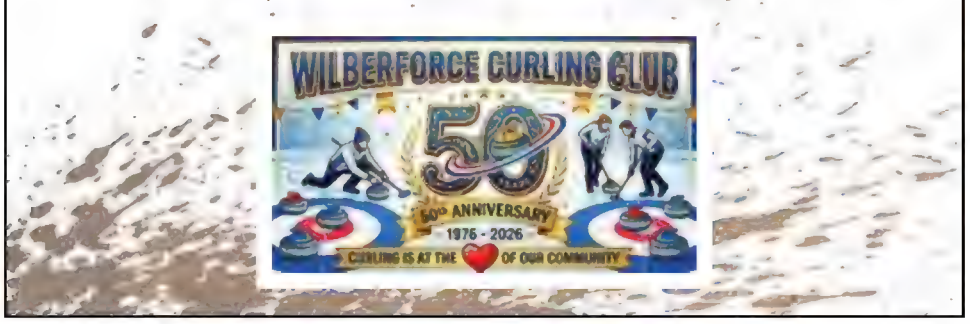

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How to get it

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How to use it

You don't need to create an account to use the app. But if you do, there are two benefits. First, you can choose which categories you want to see. Second, you can get notifications on your phone. There's a breaking news category, so anytime there is something urgent and important happening in the county, you can be notified. To create an account, just follow the links on the screen.

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Paving path for education

The Wilberforce FUNraising Group's Barb Schofield said she's a big believer in the annual education bursary volunteers award to a local youth set to pursue a post-secondary degree or diploma. On Sunday (Aug. 23), the FUNraisers announced Marisol Hall was the recipient of this year's $500 award, which she will put towards costs of the honours arts and English literature program she's starting at Trent University in September. The group has distributed $4,000 to local students since launching the bursary in 2017. The money can be used to offset moving costs, go towards tuition, or to purchase expensive items such as course books and specialist computer programs. *(Mike Baker)*

Founding member of the Wilberforce FUNraisers, Kathy Rogers, presents a $500 bursary to student Marisol Hall with fellow group members Caitlin Graansma, Anne Deelstra, Tammy Martin, Barb Schofield, Joan Barton and Gail Gotter pictured behind. *Photo submitted.*

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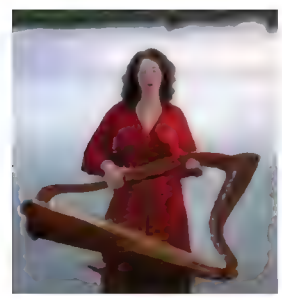

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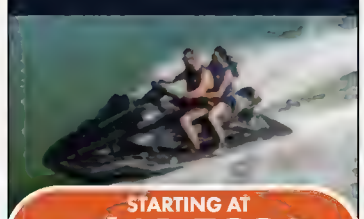

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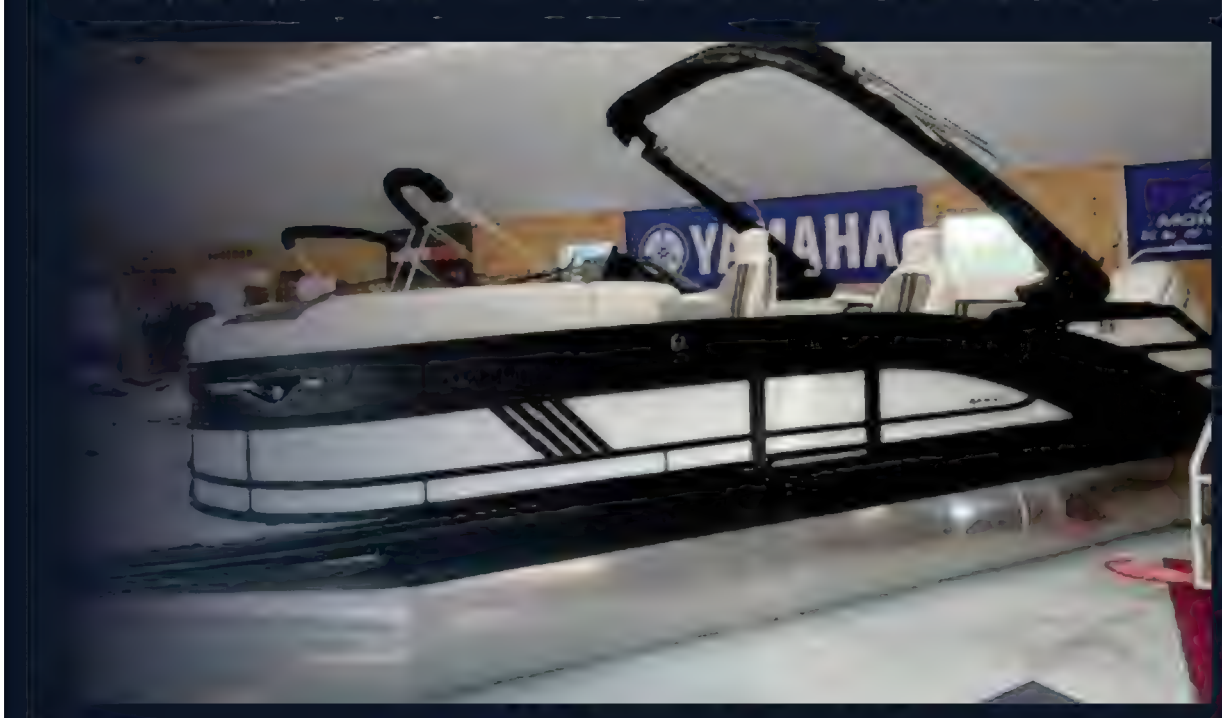

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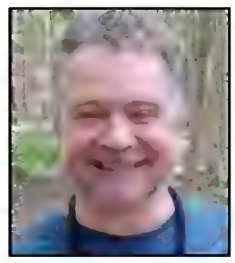

By Simon Payn

When we built our house, we left a bit of spare driveway open. It was covered in gravel but nothing else. This, we decided, would be useful extra parking space.

Except we didn't need it so it never was.

It has changed over the years. The first few seasons, it was what we'd call weedy. Dandelions with bright flowers but promising trouble. Thistles that said unkempt. I pulled them sometimes, if I could deal with the spines and roots.

This year, however, it is something else. It's a kind of raucous meadow, a jostle of leaves and flowers. No parking there.

You wouldn't expect much to be growing there because of the gravel, but now it's August and the goldenrod are blooming.

This plant is much maligned by some humans because we say it causes allergies (it doesn't). But it's loved by insects because of its pollen. It's a plant of disturbed areas. While it might not be the first to get there, it comes pretty soon after. Canada goldenrod – the most aggressive species – can quickly become something of a monoculture.

There are other goldenrods around my driveway, however. You've got to look closely to tell the difference. Wrinkle-leaf goldenrod, zig-zag goldenrod for under the shade: neither of these is as aggressive as its maple-leaf wearing cousin.

Behind the goldenrod is a patch of beebalm. I don't know how it got there. Maybe I planted some and forgot, or maybe I threw some leftover seeds. Whatever, it's growing like gangbusters in the beds I tried to grow tomatoes in (too shaded, too deer-y.) The purple of the beebalm contrasts with the yellow of the goldenrod. Opposite sides of the colour wheel, I guess.

More yellow comes from evening primrose. This has been popping up on the driveway since day one. Sometimes I pulled it (too tall, too many seeds). Sometimes I left it (cool flowers). Now there are at least half a dozen plants.

All the time the lake is 180 degrees behind me. I just don't find it as interesting as I did.

We bought this lot for the view, not the driveway. I guess I could have maintained this driveway patch – kept on top of the weeds, rolled back and forward with my car tires. But for whatever reason, I didn't. Maybe I was being lazy or maybe somewhere down deep I knew this is where nature was headed with its mix of non-native and native plants coltsfoot, dandelions, yarrow, evening primrose. Raspberries. Poplar.

It's what I look at now.

> Maybe I was being lazy or maybe somewhere deep down I knew that's where nature was headed.

Conifers

I often get called to new-build cottages to see how I can plant their landscapes. The most common request is make it feel more like "here".

A few decades ago, new cottages came with lawn and conical conifers, the pattern of the suburbs transplanted up 35. Because that's what we knew.

Today's new builds have cottages that nod to our trees, and landscapes that recognize our rocks, yet they still feel inevitably imposed – which is why people want them softened. Because they came for Haliburton, not Hamilton.

This is why I spend a lot of time looking at what's already growing around the property. It's what the land wants to become. And it's a clue to what to plant.

It means we can skip the thistle stage and the goldenrod monoculture.

Meanwhile, our county's roads are lined with a dusty pink these days. That's Joe-Pye weed, which likes the moisture found in our ditches.

Road crews dig the ditches from time to time to keep them clear but the Joe-Pye weed comes back.

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Tea time

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild took approximately 50 people on a journey through time at the community's Red Cross Outpost Museum over the weekend, hosting a traditional tea party on Saturday (Aug. 22). Guild member Barb Schofield said visitors were served fancy sandwiches by Ann Watson and sweets catered by Sydney's Baking of Wilberforce. Guests were welcomed for tours of the facility, which served as the only medical provider in the region from 1922 to 1963, when it was operated by the Red Cross. It transitioned to a museum in the mid-1990s and, in 2003, was designated a national historic site of Canada. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Longtime Wilberforce Heritage Guild volunteer, Linda Cameron, pours a cup of tea. Middle: Barbara and Mike Croft enjoy some treats. Bottom: Linda Nottage was on service duty. *Photos courtesy of Barb Schofield.*

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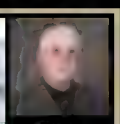

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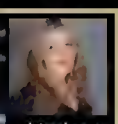

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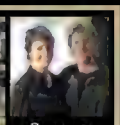

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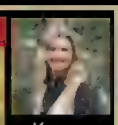

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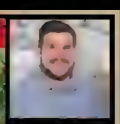

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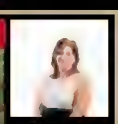

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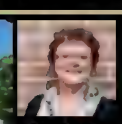

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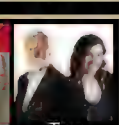

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Express yourself with Pride

Pride in the Highlands wrapped its weeklong celebration in Haliburton County on Sunday (Aug. 23) with its annual rainbow street party in Minden. It was a wet one for attendees with heavy rain for much of the event, which ran from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. That didn't stop anyone from having a good time – while the rain came down harder, Pride supporters took to Water Street to dance under umbrellas, visit the dozen-or-so vendors, and cheer on live performances from NorthFIRE Circus and Gayly Forward. Event chair, Chris Hewson, said it had been a memorable, 10th-anniversary week for Pride in the Highlands. "This Pride Week, for me, has been joy unbridled... an entire week of uplifting stories and affirming moments. I couldn't imagine a more fitting close to a momentous decade," Hewson said.

Top left: The Toronto Amazons Motorcycle Club weren't going to let a little inclement weather stop them from getting out for their most unique ride of the year. Georgette Peters, Deb Wilson, Stacey Shannon and Joe Hunter taking to Gull River for the traditional Pride river float. Top right: Pride supporter David Snider enjoys the show. Bottom left: Pride in the Highlands chair, Chris Hewson, addresses the crowd. Bottom right: Chris Hopkins smiles and waves while floating down the Gull. Centre: Two-year-old Tate Mandel shows her support for Pride. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Highlander community

Roaring for SickKids

The Haliburton Lions have again supported Katie Woodward's SickKids Great Cycle. Pictured donating $250 are Lion Marilyn Frost, Lion Ann McIvor, Lion David Tice, Katie Woodward, Lion Sheldon Nicholls, Lion Jim Frost, Lion Betty Mills and Lion David Mills. *Submitted.*

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ARE YOU AN ELIGIBLE VOTER?

The 2026 Municipal Election is approaching! You are an eligible voter if you are:

- A person 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen, who is not prohibited to vote under the Municipal Act or any other Act, and who is one not prohibited to vote under the Municipal Act or any other Act, and who is one of the following:
  - » Resident Elector: lives in the municipality and considers it their permanent home.
  - » Non-Resident (Seasonal Resident) Elector: lives outside the municipality but owns or rents property here.
  - » Spouse of a Non-Resident Elector: the spouse or common law partner of a non-resident elector.

To add, edit, or delete your information on the Voters List, please visit the Election Team at 7 Milne St.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- As the Shoreline Disappears by glass artist Brad Copping, will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until September 19. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission by donation.
- The 3rd annual Voice of Pride exhibit, in partnership with Pride in the Highlands and Walling Studios will be on display until August 29.
- Don't miss the final week of Miijim: Traditional Foods of the Anishinaabeg, on loan from MUSE: Lake of the Woods Museum in Kenora, on display at the Cultural Centre until August 29.
- Join us for a free outdoor screening of Tron: Legacy (2010) in the village centre at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday, August 27. The movie begins at 8:00 PM. Admission is by donation. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars. If it rains, the event will take place indoors.
- The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm for tours and self-guided activities! Stop by for drop-in activities for children each day from 11 am – 12 pm. This week: Tues – butter-making, Wed – tie-dye (bring your own shirt), Thurs – artifact showcase, Fri – heritage apple trees (ATIP), Sat – blacksmith craft. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- September 10 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 24 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

VOTER INFORMATION CENTRE

The Township of Minden Hills Election Team will be extending office hours for election matters. Extended hours for the Voter Information Centre begin next week!

- Tuesdays from September 1 – October 20: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Admin building
- September 12, 19, and 26: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Council Chambers

REPORTING ISSUES

Reporting issues such as road condition or maintenance needs can be done by emailing roads@mindenhills.ca or calling 705-286-3144 Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. After hours emergencies can be reported by calling 1-866-856-3247.

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Rocking the dock for food

Bob Lake's Rock the Dock fundraiser celebrated its fifth year this summer – raising another $6,310 for the Minden Community Food Centre – bringing the overall total to just shy of $25,000. Pamela England, a member of the Bob Lake Association (BLA), said "while we fell just a little short of our record-breaking fourth year, we were absolutely thrilled with the results, especially given the weather. The enthusiasm and generosity of everyone who came out made the day a huge success." England said the raffle, introduced in 2024, continues to be a huge hit and an important part of the fundraiser. She also thanked business supporters. Food centre manager, Tracey Gilbert, said they "could not be more grateful for the partnership and ongoing support we have received from the Bob Lake Association and everyone who comes together each year to make Rock the Dock such a success." She added funds help them provide food and support to individuals and families in the community who need it most. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: The Bo Blake Band. Bottom: A crowd came out for the annual Rock the Dock fundraiser. *Submitted.*

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VOTE Minden Hills October 26 2026 Municipal & School Board Election

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NOTICE OF ELECTION INFORMATION
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 40)

Municipal Elections for the Offices of:

Mayor – (1) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Bob CARTER
Pat KITCHEMAN
Tammy MCKELVEY
Pam SAYNE

Deputy Mayor – (1) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Richard BRADLEY
Ivan INGRAM

Councillor at Large – (1) to be elected

Ron NESBITT
Bob SISSON

Councillor, Ward 1 – (2) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Dan GARBUTT
Shirley JOHANNESSEN
Joe MCMANAMY
Keith MOORE

Councillor, Ward 2 – (1) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Brad GRIFFIN
Stephen HERTEL
John MCNEIL

Councillor, Ward 3 – (1) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Jeff HANCOCK
Lisa MERCER

School Board Trustees:

English Public – (1) to be elected
(List candidates alphabetically)

Kinga BARICZ
Victoria HILLIER-HUTCHISON

French Public – Acclaimed
(List candidates alphabetically)

Erik LAPOINTE

Traditional Paper Ballot Voting

Location of Voting Place(s): S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Upper Level
55 Parkside St. Minden ON

Advance Voting Day: Saturday, October 10, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Voting Day: Monday, October 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Internet/Telephone Voting

Voting Period beginning October 10, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. through to October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Revision and Voter Information Centre(s):

Municipal Administration Office, 1st Floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Extended Hours starting September – October Tuesdays 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON - Saturdays in September: 12, 19, 26
10 :00 AM – 2:00 PM

Contact the Minden Hills Election Team for more information.

Dated this 24th day of August 2026
Vicki Bull, Clerk/Returning Officer

www.mindenhills.ca
VOTE Minden Hills October 26, 2026
Municipal & School Board Election
elections@mindenhills.ca 705-286-1260 ext 585
Your Election Team
Vicki Bull, Returning Officer
Lisa Fitton, Deputy Returning Officer
Hayley Phoenix, Election Assistant

August 31st is

eat Outside day

Eat Outside Day is a wonderful opportunity to savour delicious meals in the great outdoors, surrounded by friends and the beauty of nature. Whether you're dining at a park, on a restaurant patio, or at home, the fresh air enhances the experience, making food taste even better. Embracing al fresco dining not only allows you to enjoy your favourite dishes under the sun or stars but also encourages relaxation and rejuvenation. So, gather your loved ones, pick your ideal outdoor setting, and celebrate this special day with a delightful feast!

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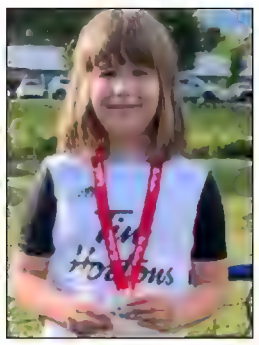
Blake Holman
10-11 Black

Violet Annis
7-9 Teal Tigers

Brooks Emmerson
10-11 Orange

Chris Spanos
10-11 Light Blue

Leila Geary
7-9 Solar Yellow



Mitzi Tilford
4-6 White

Veda Stitchnothe
7-9 Solar Yellow

Zach Robichaud
7-9 White

Top: The chase for the ball is on during soccer action last week. Bottom: Warming up for another match. *Submitted.*

Season winding down with school around the corner

With a crispness creeping into the late August evening air and dusk arriving earlier each night, the milder weather is giving these young soccer players a second wind, allowing them to train harder and play longer during demanding drills and fast-paced matches.

Buzz about the returning school year is growing, leaving these summer teammates mindful that their weeks together on the pitch are nearly at an end.

Come autumn, many of these same players will face off across the field in different school colours for local tournaments. While cross-town rivalries are sure to kick in, competing against familiar friends always brings a lively dynamic of friendly banter, mutual respect, and inspiring sportsmanship. *(Submitted)*

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What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Closed
Tuesdays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon. Bar 5-9 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
Wednesdays: Office and clubroom closed
Thursdays: Office open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bar closed. General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events.
Sept. 6, 1 p.m. Motorcycle Pete's community generator fundraiser. $10 at the door.
Clubroom hours: Monday closed; Tuesday 5-9 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Friday** with full menu and daily special including liver lovers' **Tuesday**.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings dinner 4-7 p.m.
Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 9:30 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
Weekly activities:
Karaoke: every other **Friday**
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 10 a.m. to noon, Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Monday: open 7 to 10 p.m. Darts Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.; Mexican train dominos at 7 p.m.
Tuesday: closed, special events only.
Wednesday: open 2 to 10 p.m.
Thursday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.; HHHS social recreation Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.
Friday: open 2 to 11 p.m. Seniors lunch Aug. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. Wings and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.;
Saturday: open 2 to 9 p.m. Meat draw Aug. 29 at 3 p.m.; Dorothy Knight Golf Tournament Aug. 29 at Lakeside Golf Course.
Sunday: closed, special events only.

Branch 566 Cardiff

Hours: Sunday and **Monday** 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday** 3 to 9 p.m.
Events: Breakfast on the first **Sunday** of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; euchre on the second **Sunday** of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Shuffleboard every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m.
Music and jam session ever second **Saturday** of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Branch 441 Kinmount

Mondays: Bid euchre at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Closed
Wednesdays: Mixed darts at 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Closed
Fridays: Clubroom opens at 4 p.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with play beginning at 6:45 p.m. Supper specials starting at 5 p.m.
Saturdays: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.

Third Thursday of the month is the executive meeting at 7 p.m. and general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Third Sunday of the month is the ladies auxiliary meeting.

EVENTS

Aug. 27, 1 p.m. The Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is holding an afternoon screening of *Toy Story 5* in the Welch Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

Aug. 27, 5-6 p.m. Turtle Guardians is hosting a snapper handler workshop at its downtown Haliburton location (235 Highland St., lower). Learn all about how to hold and carry turtles and how to interpret their behaviour. Book ahead or drop in.

Aug. 27, 8-8:45 p.m. Have you ever heard the magical sound of wolves howling in unison? The Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre welcomes the public to a wolf howl event, featuring a short presentation about wolves. Staff will guide the group on a short walk into the twilight to howl and attempt to initiate a response. No registration required. Donations accepted. Report to the seminar building at base camp at 1095 Redkenn Rd.

Aug. 27, dusk. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre invites people to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars, with a showing of *Tron: Legacy*. Movie screening will be indoor if it rains.

Aug. 29, 2-4 p.m. Celebrate the official induction of five artistic pieces installed at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest in recent years, including offerings by Marlene Kawalez, Al Van Mil and Annette Brady, Nyasha Malika, Scott Childs, and George Hart with Mark Puigmarti. There will be refreshments served at HSAD from 4-5 p.m.

Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Haliburton Summer Market at the Haliburton Legion. Featuring more than 25 local artists and vendors. Free craft table for all. All are welcome.

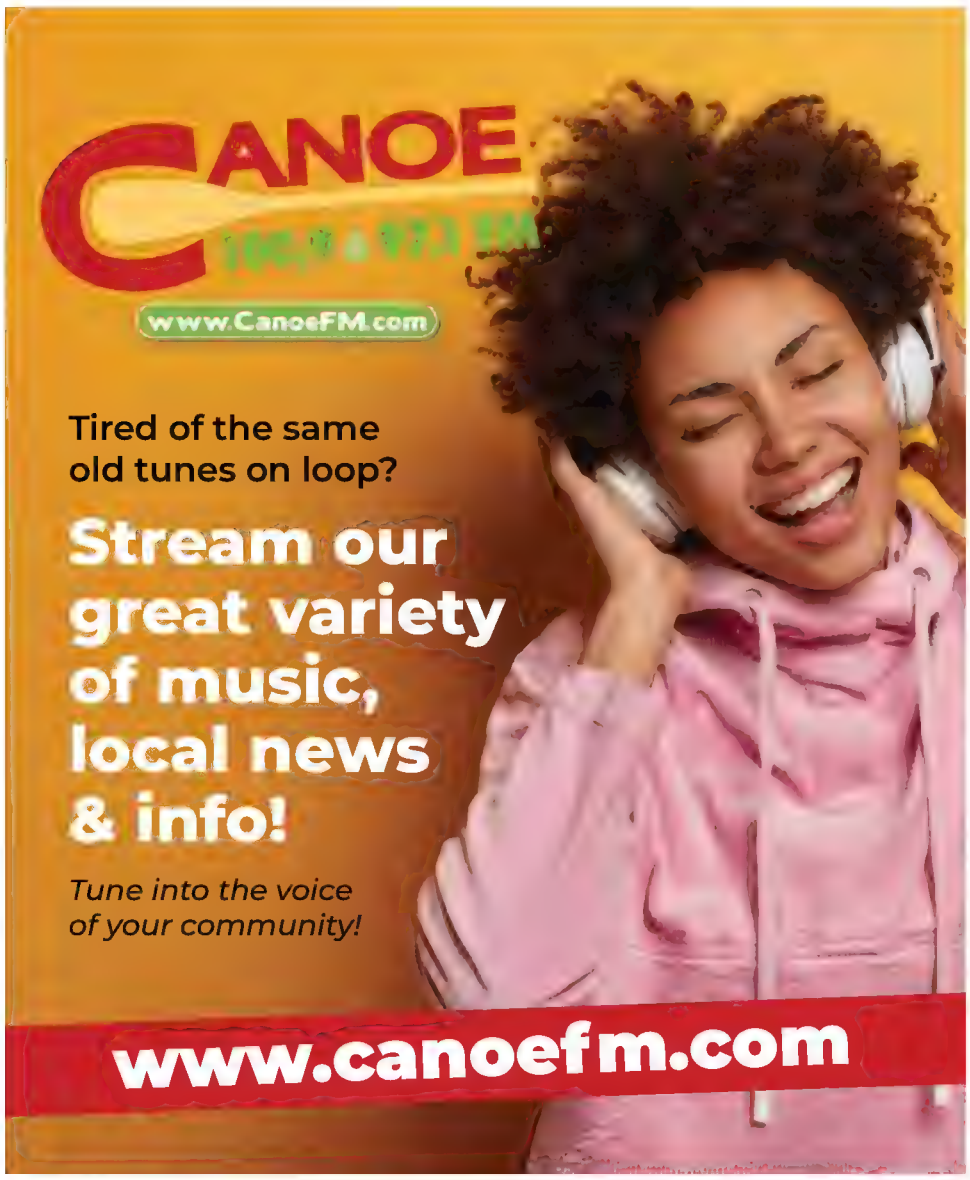
Aug. 30, 11 a.m. Live performance at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, titled 'Sculpture Forest Alive!' Creators Mairead Filgate, Shannon Kingsbury and local artists Bethany Houghton, Nick Russell, Andrea Lithgow, Scott Walling, Wendy Lingard and Brad Brown bring the forest alive with original songs, dance, visual art and sound collage built from community voices. A second show running at 2 p.m.

Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Do you love to garden? Join the Minden & District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St., Minden. You will learn about wildlife photography from guest speaker Dave Ellis, followed by the monthly society meeting. New members welcome.

Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Stanhope Firefighters Association in Algonquin Highlands is hosting a 'Boot Drive' fundraiser at the Maple Lake waste disposal site on McPhail Road. All proceeds support the purchase of safety equipment and life-saving gear at Station 80. Event also running same times Sept. 6.

Sept. 6, 1 p.m. Motorcycle Pete's community generator fundraiser for the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy an evening of music and love remembering Peter Holloway at the legion. Featuring music from Jeff Moulton, Trina West, Jodi Timgren, Peter Smith, Mixed Bag, Bill Black, Albert Saxby, Joslynn Burford, Gord Kidd, Devin Wilson and more. Tickets are $10.

Sept. 6, 2-5:30 p.m. The 5th annual Rock the Dock 2026, featuring Erin Blackstock. This water access only event is being held on a private dock (Lisa Bagshaw's) on the lake, with monetary and non-perishable food donations being collected for the Minden Community Food Centre.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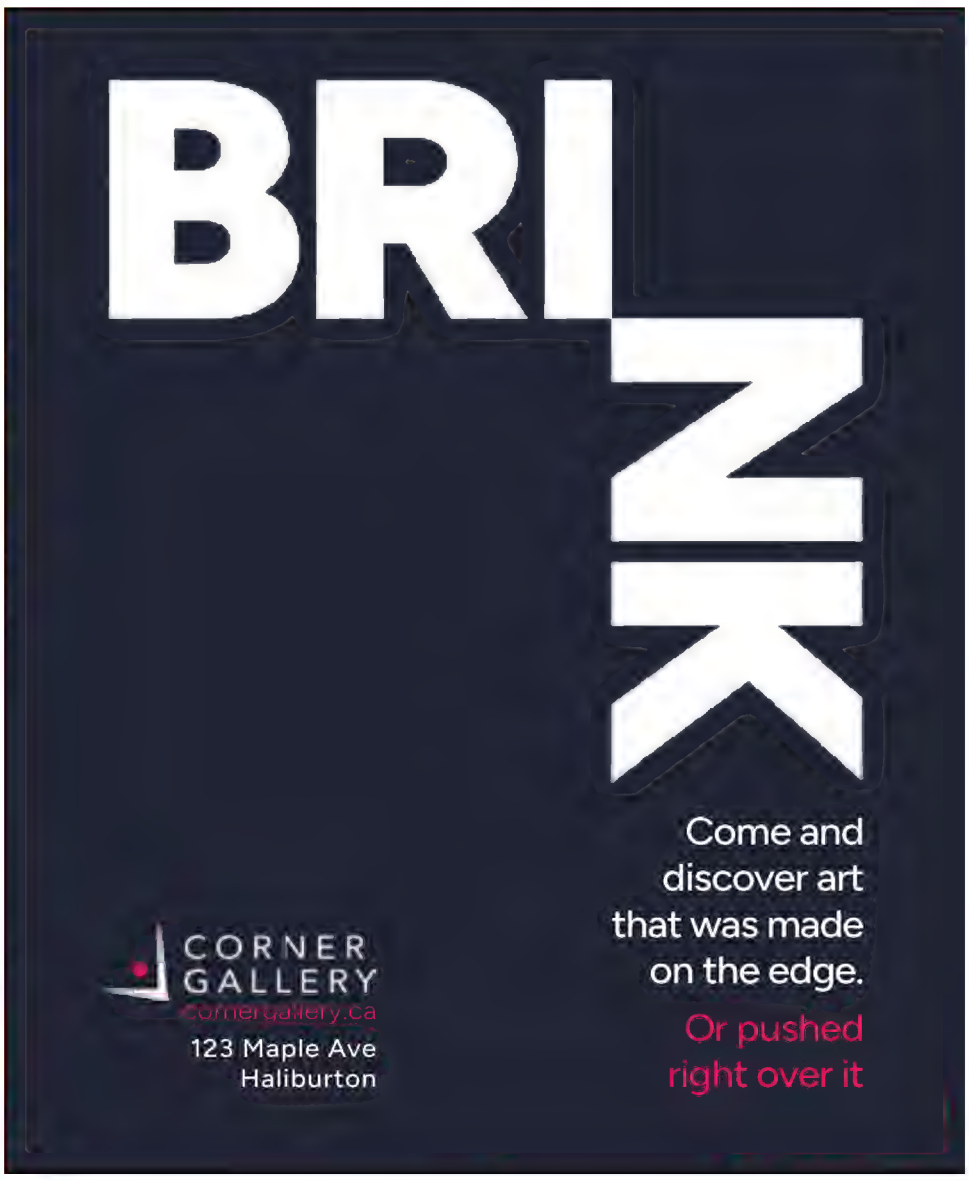

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Due to a recent retirement, the Municipality of Highlands East is currently seeking candidates for the position of:

Full-Time, General Equipment Operator
Public Works Department

Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
$30.05/hour

Hours of Operation: 40 Hours per week, Monday – Friday. Overtime required some evenings and weekends subject to weather events.

A copy of the job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Full-Time, General Equipment Operator"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 31st, 2026, via email, in person or mail. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Tracy Vader, HR/Payroll Coordinator
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: humanresources@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the HR/Payroll Coordinator.
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Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026** to:

Dawn Mugford-Guay
Human Resources Coordinator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1S0
Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

John Barry "Jack" Jackson

Jack passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the age of 86.

Beloved husband of Diane for 62 years, loving father of Lisa, Chris, and Susan; and proud grandfather of Austin (Sara), Hannah (Marco), and Sydney. Dear brother of Donna-Marie and is now reunited with his twin brother Bob.

Jack was born in Windsor, Ontario on June 5th, 1940. He met his wife, Diane, working at Loblaws at the Lawrence Plaza in Toronto. They moved to Newmarket, Ontario in 1967 where they settled on Bolton Avenue. Jack was assistant manager at Loblaws in Newmarket for many years. Jack volunteered at the Southlake Therapeutic Pool and many community organizations. To recognize his efforts, he was awarded Newmarket's Citizen of the Year in 1993. Jack loved travelling and did many Habitat for Humanity missions across the globe.

Jack loved fishing, the outdoors, and making a difference in people's lives. He had a larger-than-life personality, made friends wherever he went, and was loved by everyone who knew him. He lived a full and active life and will be remembered by so many, for so many different reasons.

Please stop by anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Jack's robust life on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 707 Srigley Street, Newmarket.

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In Loving Memory of

Adelheid "Heidi" Buhl

Peacefully at Southlake Health, Newmarket, Ontario, on August 23, 2026 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Daniel "Danny" Buhl, former owners of the Kennisis Lake Lodge in Haliburton, Ontario. Adelheid is predeceased by her brother Gunter Czernitzki, and his wife Ruth, and her sister Margret and her husband Rolf Melchert of Germany, and her sister Heidi and her husband Karl Heinz Epkenhaus of Bradford, Ontario. Tante Adelheid will be lovingly remembered by her many nephews and nieces and their families in Ontario and Germany and her lifelong friend Marlene Fehn of Toronto, Ontario. Arriving in Canada in 1966, Adelheid soon found work as a dressmaker and for many years worked with 'Miss Richardson' in her boutique on Adelaide Street in Toronto. Those were the days when a lady would order her outfits for an entire season in one go! Once Adelheid met Daniel, she quickly fell in love, not only with him, but with his passion for nature, fishing, hunting and walking in the woods. In fact, they spent their honeymoon in Northern Ontario camping, fishing and picking blueberries. They finally decided to leave the rat race behind and moved to Haliburton in 1980 where they had already built their home, the Kennisis Lake Lodge. It was the perfect spot for them to enjoy the great outdoors. They hosted many parties at the lodge, always the perfect hosts and always serving good food. Most evenings ended with dancing and a glass of schnapps. Since leaving Haliburton in 2014, Adelheid has loved living at the Renoir in Newmarket, Ontario where she made many new friends and enjoyed all the activities that they offered. Honouring her wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held. Online condolences may be made at www.skwarchukfuneralhome.com

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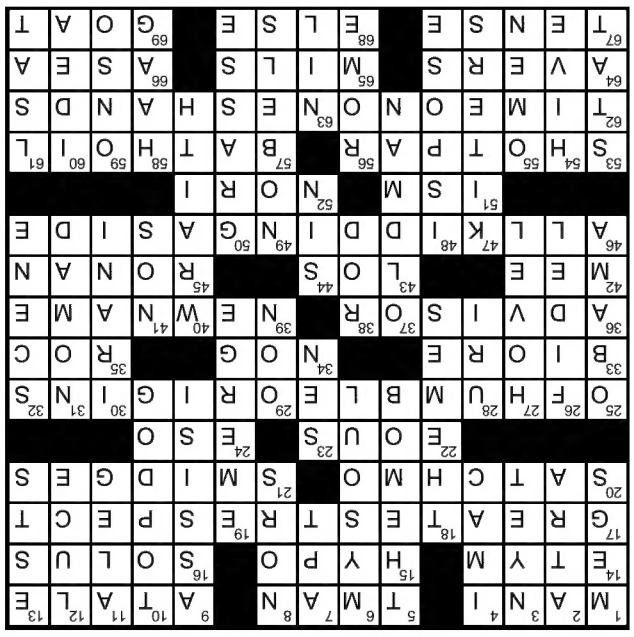

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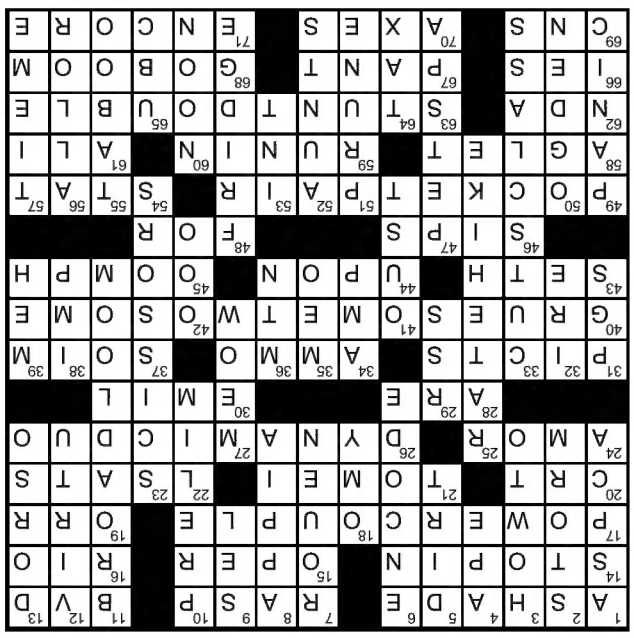

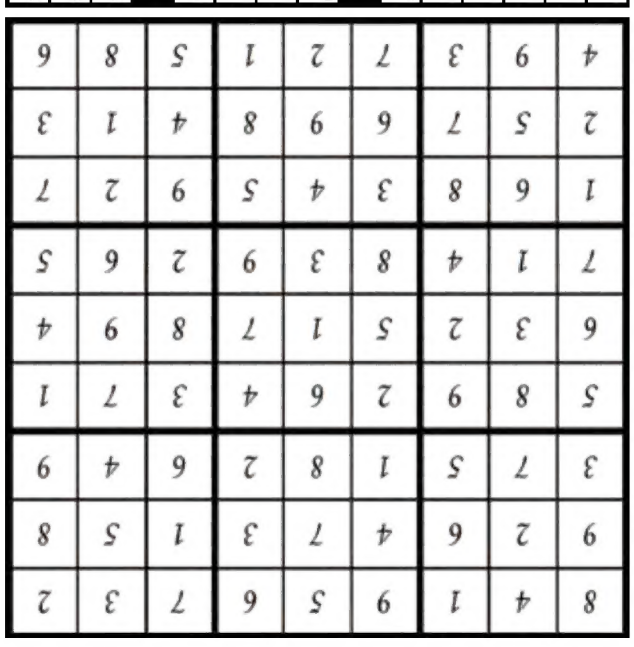

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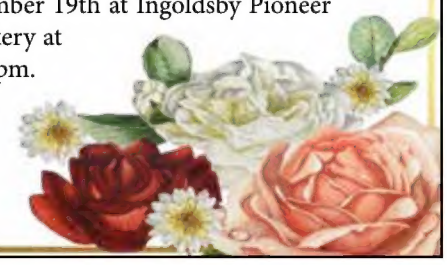
HINCKS

Jeffrey Robert Hincks, born in Scarborough, Ontario passed away suddenly in Cobalt, Ontario at the age of 58.

Jeff lived in Unionville, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Minden, Brampton, Windsor and Temeskaming Shores.

Predeceased by his mother, Mary Carolyn (Betts) Hincks, he is survived by his son, Taylor and by his adoptive father, John Hincks.

Jeff's ashes will be interred on Saturday, September 19th at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery at 12:30 pm.



In Loving Memory of

Judy and Albert Carpenter

Judy passed away on February 16, 2026 and Albert passed away on June 6, 2026. Loving parents of Angie and her husband Rich Chapple, Scott Carpenter and adored by their grandson Josh. They are lovingly remembered by their family and friends.

A Graveside Memorial Service to Celebrate Judy and Albert's Life will be held at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, 1112 Chambers Road, Carnarvon on Friday, August 28, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre in the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or Highland Hills United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Patricia "Pat" Morrison

(nee Bain)

It is with deep love and sadness that the family of Patricia Eileen Morrison announces her passing on Thursday evening, August 20, 2026 at the age of 78 surrounded by loved ones. Patricia will be remembered for the warmth she shared so generously, the care she offered to those around her, and the quiet strength that guided her life. A cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Patricia is survived by her husband of 58 years, Patrick Morrison and by her children Angela (Randy), Colin (Shauna) and predeceased by baby Mark. Patricia was a fiercely proud and loving grandma to Connor (Sierra), Adam (Krista), Nathan and Josie and great-grandma to Gunner and Patrick. Patricia is survived by her siblings Rick Bain (Joyce) and Wanda Reynolds. Predeceased by her brother Gerald Bain and by his brother-in-law Jim Reynolds. Patricia is lovingly remembered by her many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. Daughter of Clarence and Ruth Bain, Patricia was born in Haliburton and began her working career at Bell Canada. Once moving back to Haliburton with her family, she was a dedicated stay-at-home Mom until her children were grown. She then spent many happy years working at the West Guilford Shopping Centre until her retirement.

Private Graveside Service

As per Patricia's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Private Graveside Service will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

In Loving Memory of

Douglas Robert Reinwald

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre with his family by his side on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the age of 72.

Beloved husband of Donna. Dear father of Lisa and Andy, Matt and Alannah. Loving Poppa to Wyatt, Raeya and Sammy. Dear brother of Gary and Barb, Danny, and Judy, and brother-in-law of Larry and Jackie, and Wayne. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, September 14, 2026 from 11:00am until 2:00 pm.

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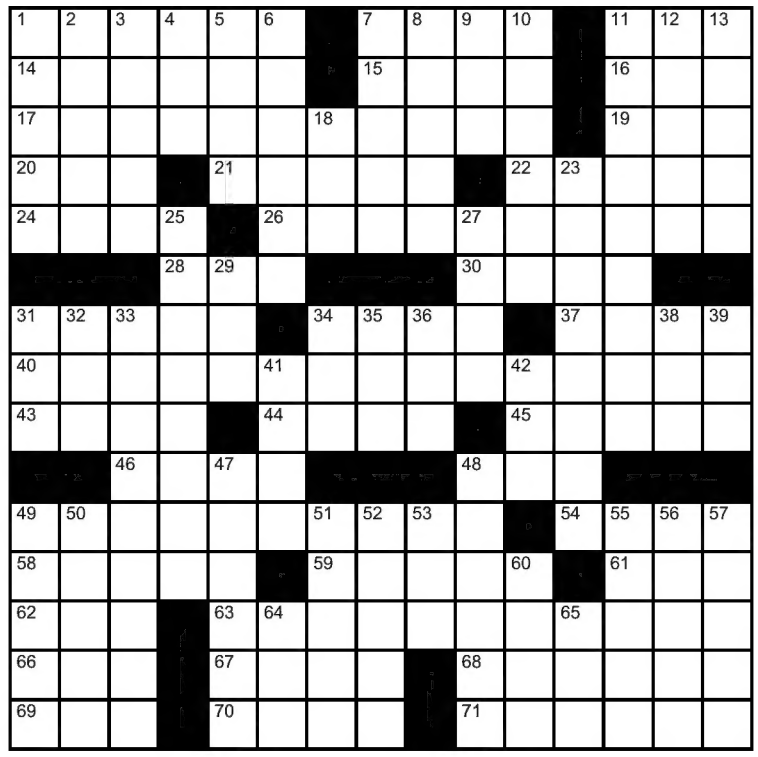

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11 Briefs brand initials
14 Pop by
15 0 on a dial phone
16 River, in Brazil
17 Strength + might
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21 Actress Marisa
22 Aspiring attys.' exams
24 "Omnia vincit ___" (Latin for "Love conquers all")
26 Animated + energetic
28 Is for you?
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31 Early Scots
34 Magazine articles?
37 "Or ___ told..."
40 Grisly + gory
43 Meyers or Macfarlane
44 Filled in about
45 Pizzazz
46 Makes last, as a drink
48 In favour of
49 Pouch + sac
54 Sports page fig.
58 Shoelace tip
59 Altercation
61 "The Greatest," per himself
62 Hush-hush contract, for short
63 Feat + daredevilry
66 "Y" pluralized
67 Sound winded
68 Explode, in tot-talk
69 Certain freight trains
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71 French "again"

Down

1 Critter rescue org., in the U.S.
2 Sailor's weather worry
3 Self-help book title words
4 "Great" beast
5 Gossip, casually
6 Render indecipherable
7 City where Joan of Arc died
8 Via ___ (ancient Roman road)
9 Shaker contents, dans la cuisine
10 Bout before the main event
11 Large carpet
12 Aesthetic appreciation
13 Prefix meaning "back"
18 "Peg ___ Heart"
23 Coupon image tool, often
25 Bad news for some mortgage holders
27 Sound in a cat food ad
29 Blog feed format
31 Leaves in a book: Abbr.
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33 Skips math, say
34 Boost, with "up"
35 "... we gotta go, ___ my-o"
36 Climber's destination: Abbr.
38 Little troublemaker
39 Tepid assessment
41 Depose
42 Tic-tac-toe win
47 Grooming place for a coddled collie
48 Raided appliance
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50 "Who wants my jellyfish/I'm not shellyfish!" poet Nash
51 Trim, as branches
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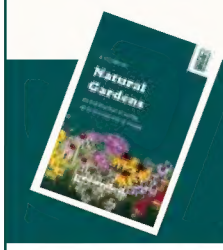

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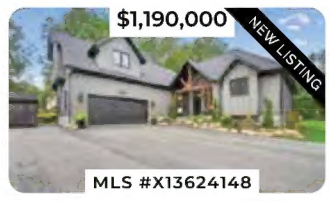

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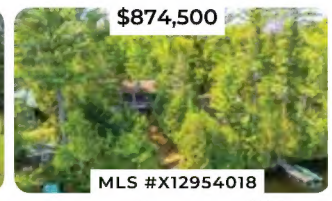

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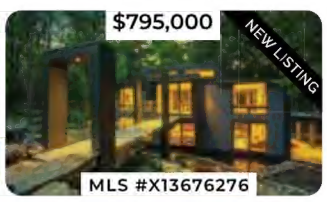

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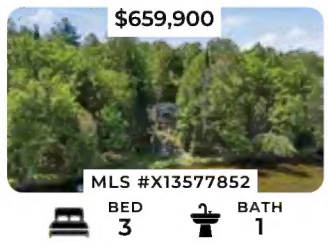

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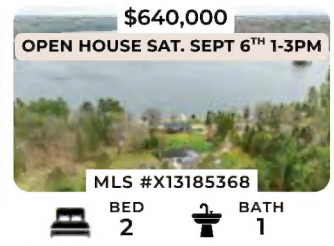

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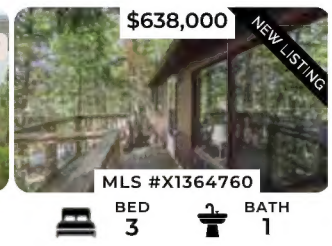

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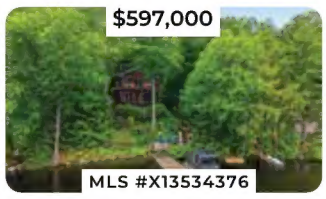

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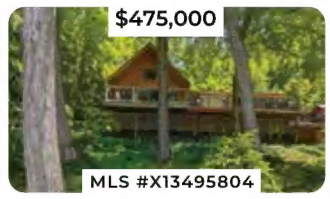

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